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## Darawshe: We will punish PM for racism

By SARAH HONG

MK Abdel Wahab Darawshe (Democratic Arab Party) announced yesterday that his faction will "punish" Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for his racism and will not support the government unless it is in connection with the Wye agreement.

There is no certainty in the political arena, however, about what this really means, and there is a sizable school of thought which contends that it will not make much of a difference because the DAP has promised Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to prop up the government until the pullback is completed.

The four DAP MKs stayed away during the first reading of the state budget bill on Monday, thereby denying the opposition a majority as the bill squeaked by on a single vote.

MK Rafik Haj Yihye (Labor) also abstained. The DAP's explanation was that it would do nothing to interfere with the implementation of the Wye agreement.

This resulted in heaps of ridicule on Netanyahu from Meretz and Labor, whose MKs recalled how he accused the previous Labor government of having passed the second Oslo deal by relying on Arab votes. Netanyahu countered that he "will make sure that nothing which involves Israel's security interests, no crucial national decisions, will be carried out without a Zionist majority."

Darawshe took umbrage and said that "Netanyahu will rue his comments. This is a racist outburst."

At the DAP Knesset faction meeting yesterday, it was decided not to support the government on the budget's second and third readings.

This, however, may not mean much, according to political observers. Technically the DAP did not vote for the budget's first reading either. Moreover, any crucial vote or confidence motion may be construed as pivotal for the implementation of the Wye agreement.

The government will fall if the final reading of the budget is not passed and it will fall if the early elections bill wins the support of 61 MKs.

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Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (second from left), accompanied by Palestinian Authority Deputy Chairman Mahmoud Abbas, tours the Karni industrial zone in the northern Gaza Strip yesterday. (AP)

## Students threaten hunger strike

By CATHERINE COHEN

University students intensified their struggle at a 10,000-strong demonstration at Tel Aviv University last night, threatening to begin a hunger strike if their demands are not met by the government. "For the moment only the chairpersons [of the student unions] will begin a hunger strike," National Student Union spokesman Ronen Hershkovitz said. "But anyone who wishes to join them is welcome."

Guests at the rally included artists such as Riki Gal, Yaffa Yarkoni,

Hasmichot, Jeremy Kaplan, Miki Gabrielov, Danny Sanderson, and Tal Gordon, who donated a song or two in support of the students.

"The whole nation is with us," National Student Union chairman Lior Rotbart told the crowd. "We are here not only because of the cost of higher education but to change the order of priorities in the State of Israel. They hit our arms, our legs, they wounded 25 of us and jailed 300, but we are not broken. I call on the prime minister: Enough procrastination, we are sick of it. If the problems of education in Israel are

not solved by Sunday, the students' strike will continue for an unlimited amount of time."

Meanwhile, representatives of the students and the Council for Higher Education's planning and budgeting committee had plans to meet last night in another attempt to come up with an agreed-upon paper to present to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu today outlining proposals for ending the strike.

Education Minister Yitzhak Levy was asked on Sunday by Netanyahu to present potential solutions today. Levy then asked committee chair-

man Nehemya Levzion to head the contacts with the students.

A source familiar with the negotiations said Netanyahu will likely have to risk a confrontation with Finance Minister Yankov Neeman if he wants to end the strike quickly.

The source said Levzion had suggested focusing on the principle that no student be unable to study because of financial problems, rather than on specific sums to be cut from tuition or moved from place to place.

Archee Dean Cohen contributed to this story.

## US backs PA position

Cabinet to meet today

By MILLE KUTTLER, DANNA HARMAN, and ABRIEN O'SULLIVAN

The US yesterday credited the Palestinian Authority with providing a clear plan to combat terrorism on the West Bank.

"The work plan has been spelled out," State Department spokesman James Rubin said, as Israel warned it would not carry out its land-for-security agreement with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat until it receives assurances 30 Palestinians suspected of murdering Israelis would be arrested by the PA.

The US said it is not blaming Israel for delaying implementation of the Wye accord and hopes the matter will be resolved today.

The cabinet is to convene this afternoon to begin ratification of the Wye Memorandum only if the government is satisfied that a complete Palestinian security paper has been submitted to the CIA, officials at the Prime Minister's Office said.

In a phone call between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday, the two reportedly reached an understanding regarding the submission of the sections of the Palestinian working paper on security which Israel says are missing.

Netanyahu spokesman Aviv Bushinsky said the talk had been "positive," but said no agreements had been reached.

The Palestinians reacted angrily to the latest delay, accusing the prime minister of stalling for time.

"If Netanyahu continues with these tricks," said Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Imrad Falouji, "there will be nothing left of the agreement... We will give them the benefit of the doubt, but our patience is limited."

"Instead of playing these sorry political games," said Palestinian negotiator Hassan Asfour, "[Netanyahu] should just stand up and say... I won't implement what I have signed."

Meanwhile, Mohammed

Dablan, the Palestinian security chief in Gaza, reiterated that the Palestinians had submitted a complete working paper - and that the Americans are satisfied with it.

In Washington, a senior American official said the US is not overly concerned by the latest obstacle, and stated that Washington is, to some extent, taking the lead from Arafat, who on Monday acceded to Netanyahu's request for a short delay in order to assemble cabinet and Knesset votes for ratification.

"If the Palestinians can live with it, certainly we can live with it," the official said. "But we would not like to see [the delay] extended too long... We're not going to be more royal than the king. The head of the PA has said he'd give the prime minister a few days to work things out in his own domestic arena."

The US is "not in the process of assessing blame," the official stated, but does "have the expectation and the hope that this could get through the cabinet rather quickly." Nevertheless, the Israelis are "the ones delaying it," he said.

The US views its role now as "clarifying" Netanyahu's questions on the Palestinian security plan, which the official said is understandable given that the plan is not being presented to Israel itself. He conceded that the issue at hand is whether the Palestinians must immediately act to apprehend some 30 suspected terrorists.

During a visit to Gaza yesterday, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said that Israel is insisting the Palestinians hand over a timetable for the arrests. He also told Arafat's deputy Mahmoud Abbas that the delay in the cabinet debate is due to the Palestinians' not yet handing over the dates for the arrests.

"The main thing now is the arrest of 30 people who were involved in the murder of Israelis. The names are known to the Palestinian Authority too, and we are standing firm that these people be arrested, as they have obligated themselves," Mordechai said.

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## Religion dominates Ra'anana race

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

When disgruntled residents flee from the crowded greater Tel Aviv area and head north, often imposing upon themselves a long commute to their jobs, they do so in search of a better quality of life.

So traditionally, quality of life issues - education and sanitation - tend to dominate municipal elections in cities like Ra'anana, Netanya, and Kfar Sava.

Surprisingly, in Ra'anana, which has traditionally prided itself on harmonious coexistence between religious and secular, religion has become the focus of the campaign.

Strong emotions have been triggered by the controversial decision of Labor mayoral candidate Rina Bar-Tal to choose as her slogan, "Only Rina Bar-Tal can stop the haredim" followed recently by the slogan, "Rina Bar-Tal will keep Ra'anana secular."

Her provocative campaign is predicated on the charge that popular incumbent Mayor Ze'ev Bielski has done too many favors for the haredim, and that if he continues to do so, Ra'anana will be vulnerable to "haredization."

The choice of this political line has given Bar-Tal's candidacy an unusually high profile, and may yet accomplish what it set out to



do - bring the usually indifferent yuppie, secular residents of Ra'anana to the polls. But she has been sharply criticized for upsetting the town's delicate status quo - and not just by her opponents for the mayoral seat, Bielski and Yossi Olmert, both of whom are running as independents.

In late October, local attorney Ben-Zion Sheffer requested that Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein indict Bar-Tal, claiming that she sought to "discriminate" and to send the haredim into ghettos and hide them from public view.

While no indictment has been issued, Rubinstein did send a letter to Labor Party leader Ehud Barak asking him to look into the matter. This action, however, appears to have had little effect, as the campaign goes into its final stages.

"I think there is a great deal of resentment that a candidate has come along and decided to manufacture a phony issue to drum up interest in her lackluster campaign, and it was shocking that

she continues to receive the full backing of the Labor Party," says Rabbi Stewart Weiss, head of the Jewish Outreach Center and active in the English-speaking community. "I've gotten negative feedback from religious and non-religious people on the campaign. It is a very transparent attempt to find a shock-value issue."

Weiss says that Anglo immigrants, many of whom were attracted to Ra'anana because of its mixed religious-secular character, generally perceive "tremendous rapport and goodwill between all elements in this city and don't detect in their day-to-day life any religious-secular friction... Personally, I think that Bielski will come out the big winner, because he is seen as a moderate alternative to Bar-Tal, and that will see a high voter turnout among the religious population who are reacting against this phenomenon."

But the resentment has also travelled in the other direction. Some secular residents have expressed frustration at the campaign of Deputy Mayor Zvi Kenig, of the National Religious Party, in charge of Ra'anana's education, who heads the United Religious List for city council.

In his published list of accomplishments in his five years in office, Kenig took credit for the creation of no less than 20 religious nursery school classrooms and four religious schools and declared that he is "assuring our children's future."

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## GOP seeks tighter grip on Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) -

Republicans sought to strengthen their control of Congress yesterday in midterm elections held in the shadow of impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton.

Democrats bid for the California governorship, the biggest single prize of the day.

After a campaign of unrivaled cost and unusual ferocity, 34 Senate

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seats, all 435 House seats, and 36 governorships were on the ballot. Voters also chose winners among thousands of state legislative candidates and ruled on dozens of statewide initiatives.

Many of the governors on the ballot were prohibitive favorites, none more so than George W. Bush in Texas, one of several potential contenders for the Republican presidential nomination in 2000. Bush's brother, Jeb, sought to add Florida to the list of big states led by Republicans.

Clinton's name did not appear on any ballot, but the outcome of the elections seemed sure to affect his legacy.

Strong gains by congressional Republicans would likely compound his difficulties, particularly with the House Judiciary Committee poised to begin impeachment hearings later this month. A good showing by Democrats would embolden the president's defenders.

Both sides labored strenuously to

get their voters to the polls. Turnout is traditionally lower in mid-term elections, and the lower it is, the more Republicans customarily benefit.

Outside a polling place in Woodstock, Georgia, Steve Miller said he always turns out. "My great aunt was killed while trying to vote in Mississippi - that's always been my primary motivation for voting," said Miller.

Sheila McKenna, a welfare coordinator in Philadelphia, said she voted for the Democrats because of "what I perceive to be a witch hunt against Clinton."

But in Charlotte, North Carolina, financial executive Nancy Gorham said she "voted against anyone who supports abortion and supports Clinton."

Four years after Republicans gained control of both houses of Congress, the party began the day with a 55-45 Senate majority and a 228-206 House lead with one independent.

In all, they were defending 16 Senate seats, compared with 18 for the Democrats. Five open seats dotted the ballot.

Two Republican senators struggled in their bids for new terms: Lauch Faircloth in North Carolina and Alfonse D'Amato in New York. D'Amato's battle with Rep. Chuck Schumer stood out for its give-no-quarter style and its \$30 million price tag.

The list of vulnerable Democrats was longer: Sens. Carol Moseley-Braun in Illinois; Ernest Hollings in South Carolina; Harry Reid in Nevada; and Barbara Boxer in



Incumbent Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato campaigns yesterday with his daughter, Lisa Murphy, and grandson, Alfonse Joseph, in Island Park, N.Y. (Reuters)

California. Russell Feingold in Wisconsin, an author of campaign finance overhaul, staked everything on a gamble on self-imposed spending limits.

In the House, nearly 100 lawmakers had no major opposition, and scores more scarcely broke a sweat in the run-up to reelection.

That left serious campaign warfare for about two dozen incumbents of both parties and in 34 open seats, half vacated by Democrats and half by Republicans.

Casting his ballot in his home district of Georgia, House Speaker Newt Gingrich predicted further

Republican gains. He said people should think of the election as "an ongoing, slow-motion collapse of the Democratic majority that Franklin Roosevelt created."

Clinton had said earlier, that the election "will determine how much I can do for the American people. It's terribly important to me."

He rejected the notion that the vote hinged on his own political troubles, saying "this election is a referendum on all the hopes of the American people for the future and their assessments of the present conditions and how we get from here to a better tomorrow."





## NEWS

in brief

### No source for rumor of Clinton Knesset visit

Despite the announcement by the Knesset caucus for Jonathan Pollard that it will arrange to receive President Bill Clinton when he comes to the Knesset on December 12, no Knesset official could confirm that the House is expecting a visit.

No one could point to an official source for the story of the visit and it seems to stem from the assumption that if Clinton goes ahead with his visit to Gaza on December 14 to meet with the Palestinian National Council, he will also visit the Knesset. The meeting with the PNC is required by the Wye agreement.

Liat Collins

### Israel offers aid to Hurricane Mitch victims

In the wake of the destruction wrought on El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua by Hurricane Mitch, the Foreign Ministry announced yesterday it will send these countries emergency aid. Medicines will be sent immediately, while medical teams and agriculture rehabilitation experts will be dispatched soon.

In a telegram sent to the foreign ministers of each of the countries, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon expressed his "deepest and heartfelt feelings of solidarity" with the victims of the hurricane and promised that Israel would "consider the appropriate ways in which we might cooperate with your government in its reconstruction efforts."

Danna Harman

### Panel okays two smoking bills

Two bills regarding smoking were approved yesterday in committee. MK Avi Yehzekel's bill to reduce damage from smoking passed the Labor and Social Affairs Committee. If approved by the plenum on its final reading it will require the health minister to report annually how many Israelis smoke and the mortality rate due to tobacco. Demographic information related to smoking will have to be released, as well as details on what the Health Ministry has done to discourage smoking.

A bill presented by MK Tamar Gozansky (Hadash) to the Economics Committee was amended under pressure from tobacco lobbyists, making it easier for tobacco companies to organize sports, entertainment and other events under their symbols without showing cigarettes.

Judy Siegel

### Golda Meir's grave desecrated

A 35-year-old man damaged the Mt. Herzl grave of prime minister Golda Meir with a hammer yesterday and was preparing to do the same to the grave of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin before he was arrested. Police said the man, wearing a kippa, was seen by witnesses striking the tomb. They gave chase and called police, who arrested him. Police said the man has a criminal record.

Eli Wohlgermer

### Levinger arrested for incitement

Rabbi Moshe Levinger was arrested for incitement at his home in Hebron yesterday, and then later released, according to Israel Radio.

Police went to his home after he had ignored several requests to come to the station for questioning. When he refused to open the door, police broke it down. Levinger is suspected of incitement during a eulogy he delivered at the funeral of terror victim Danny Vargas.

During the arrest, neighbors threw eggs and other objects at the policemen, slightly injuring three of them.

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### Bill would kill veto over list of drugs

The Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee yesterday approved for first reading a bill by Labor MK Ephraim Sneh that would wrest control of the list of drugs to be supplied by health funds from the hands of the health and finance ministers. The proposal, to cancel the ministers' veto, was strongly opposed by the two ministers.

A second private members' bill proposed by Sneh, which was also approved by the committee, would update the basket of health services in real terms, taking into consideration the growth and ageing of the population and the increased costs of medications and treatments.

Judy Siegel

### In-vitro charges to be cut

Rates that the public hospitals charge the health funds for in-vitro fertilization treatment for their members will be "reduced significantly in the near future," the Health Ministry said yesterday. Dr. Yitzhak Berlovich, head of the ministry's medical administration, announced this during a meeting of the Knesset Public Complaints' Committee convened to discuss Maccabi's recent decision not to pay for fertility treatments, even though the cost of producing an infertile couple's first two children is included in the basket of health services.

He said that for one course of treatment, a public hospital receives NIS 10,000.

Experts have calculated that this amount can be cut significantly, Berlovich said, "without eliminating the hospital's profit or creating long lines for treatment." He did not give exact figures.

Judy Siegel

### CORRECTION

In last Friday's story headlined "Canada denies involvement in Mashal hit," a quote was erroneously attributed to Canadian Embassy spokeswoman Marion Dumas. The quote, "What is paramount for the government is to prevent revelations about our activities in the region, such as the Mossad-CSSIS meeting that took place on the eve of the assassination attempt," should have been attributed to a Norman Spector column in the *Globe and Mail*.

5 years have passed without our beloved

### DANIEL AMICHAH MARCUS

Time does not heal  
It makes a half-etched scar  
That can be broken and you feel  
Grief as total as in its first hour

We will meet to cherish his memory on Friday, November 6, at 11 a.m., Kiyat Shaul Military Cemetery

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Yeshivat Sha'alvim  
mourns the tragic death of

**Sgt. ASHER ALEXEI NIKOV** ז"ל  
alumnus of our Joseph K. Miller Torah Center and Lycee Sha'alvim Yeshiva High Schools in Kharkov, Ukraine, a joint project with the Orthodox Union, where he developed his love for Torah and Israel.

Asher made the supreme sacrifice in the jeep which intercepted the terrorist attack and thus saved the lives of the 40 children of Kfar Darom on the bus.

Our condolences to his parents, rabbis, teachers and Kharkov alumni in Israel.

May Hashem avenge his murder.

# PA official: Iran funds and trains militants trying to kill Arafat

Palestinian security forces have in recent months foiled Iranian-backed attempts by Islamic militants to assassinate Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and senior members of his government, a senior Arafat aide said yesterday.

Iran is training and funding a secret cell within Hamas to carry out the assassinations and suicide bombings in Israel, said PA secretary-general Tayyeb Abdel Rahim.

"We arrested several of these people who had plans detailing the assassinations," he said.

The most recent arrest came in October, when Palestinian intelligence agents arrested Hamas activist Jamal Natshe in Hebron.

Natshe was given orders by Iran to kill Arafat, Abdel Rahim said, but did not provide details.

As a result of the Wye agreement, there have been mounting threats against Arafat, both by Hamas and by radical Moslem leaders abroad.

Iran's spiritual leader, Ali Khamenei, has called Arafat a traitor. Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah said Arafat's hands should be chopped off for signing the agreement.

The Hamas military wing, Izzadin Kassam warned Arafat of "the wrath of vengeance" for his crackdown on Hamas, imposed after last week's suicide attack in Gush Katif.



Yasser Arafat (AP)

On Monday, Arafat dismissed the threats with a wave of his hand. "It is not the first time and it

won't be the last. I don't care," said Arafat, who has survived several attempts on his life.

Media reports said the CIA has given Arafat's security chiefs, Jibril Rajoub and Mohammed Dahlan, instructions on how to deal with the new situation. However, Abdel Rahim said security for Arafat has not been beefed up.

Rajoub would only say that Palestinian security forces, especially Arafat's bodyguard detail, known as Force 17, is always alert. Several of Arafat's bodyguards have received training in the US.

With no designated successor, Arafat's sudden death would cre-

ate chaos within Palestinian society. Such a situation would seriously threaten an already shaky peace process.

Abdel Rahim said the PA is determined to stop Iran from meddling in Palestinian affairs. "We won't allow Iran to create an Afghanistan in our areas," he said.

The daily *Al Kuds* which is close to the PA wrote in an editorial that it found Khamenei's attacks on Arafat "very shocking. We wished the statements by Khamenei had not been made and we still hope that the government of Iran will appreciate efforts made by the Palestinians to maintain good relations with Iran." (AP)

## Delegation leaves today for talks with US on military aid

By ANNE O'SULLIVAN

A top Defense Ministry delegation headed by Director-General Ian Biran leaves today for the US for annual talks on military aid to Israel.

The talks are expected to focus on requests for more funding to help defray the cost of the redeployment.

They will also deal with following through on funding the US promised for a third Arrow anti-missile battery, as well as the future needs of the IDF as it modernizes to face the changing strategic picture of the Middle East, defense officials said.

The Defense Ministry is expected to meet with a general attitude in the Pentagon following the Wye Memorandum and US President Clinton's verbal commitment to seek more funding for Israel.

Biran's trip is also aimed at paving the way for a meeting later this month between Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai and US Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

Cohen and Mordechai were to have met during the Wye summit, but that was repeatedly put off. A new date has not yet been set, but defense officials said it would

take place later this month.

Biran is taking with him to Washington Brig.-Gen. (res.) Kuri Mor, head of the ministry's foreign relations branch, and Maj.-Gen. Yitzhak Ben-Israel, head of research and development.

Also attending will be OC Intelligence Maj.-Gen. Amos Malka and head of IDF Planning Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Yanai. Biran has also taken the unusual step of inviting Finance Ministry officials.

Estimated costs for transferring IDF bases out of the territories handed back to the Palestinians and erecting new firing zones is reported to be NIS 400 million.

It will also reportedly cost another NIS 300m. for paving some 10 bypass roads. Hundreds of millions of shekels is also needed for upgrading security for Jewish settlements.

A senior defense official said the meeting in the Pentagon will not only deal with the current Palestinian-Israeli track but also with the IDF's modernization plan.

The plan was presented to Cohen during his visit here last spring, but defense sources said it needs to be reviewed in order to get US support.

## Weizman calms Cypriot fears

By SATSHEVA TSUR

NICOSIA — President Ezer Weizman has succeeded in allaying many of the Cypriots' fears over Israeli military cooperation with Turkey, although the Nicosia government still has certain concerns, the Nicosia government spokesman said last night.

"We are feeling easier after the two days of talks, but some concerns remain," spokesman Christos Stylianides told *The Jerusalem Post*, adding that Weizman is a great statesman.

Weizman himself said later that the visit had been constructive and interesting and that he had learned about the Cypriot point of view more closely. He said, however, he has no intention of trying to mediate in the dispute.

But a source said that Weizman had agreed to discuss with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu the possibility of talking to Turkish President Suleyman Demirel about softening his position towards the Greek Cypriot government.

At the same time, the Cypriots requested that Israel grant them "parity" with Turkey, the source said.

Israel is expected to explore various diplomatic options with a view to focusing more international attention on the Cypriot issue. The Nicosia government has expressed disappointment over the failure of the recent diplomatic moves to achieve concrete results in the dispute over the island.

Cyprus is prepared to forgo the purchase of SAM missiles from Russia if an agreement can be reached, Stylianides said.

But if concerns remained about regional matters, bilateral relations took a step forward when the directors-general of the ministries of Foreign Affairs, Health, Communications, Tourism, and Industry and Trade joined the presidential delegation yesterday for talks with the Cypriot minister of commerce, industry and tourism and senior officials.

Spokesman for both sides said the talks would yield additional bilateral agreements and further improvement in ties, which have moved forward since 1993.

Weizman breakfasted with leaders of the five parties represented in the Cypriot parliament, including the right-wing DISY Party, which brought President Glafos Clerides to power, and the second, largest party, the communist AKEL.

Then he drove to the House of Representatives to meet its president, Spyros Kyprianou. The parliament lies a mere stone's throw from the boundary dividing Nicosia since the 1974 Turkish invasion and where, behind barbed wire, Turkish Cypriots can be seen walking on a street above the moat of the old city.



### Support for Wye

Supporters of Peace Now demonstrate by torchlight in favor of the Wye agreement in Jerusalem last night, as they mark the third anniversary of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

(Reuters)

## DARAWSHE

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The consensus is that in such votes the DAP will not allow the government to fall, because an election campaign is certain to disrupt the implementation of Wye.

The DAP is the Arab list considered closest to Arafat's PLO, and the political arena is rife with rumors that Arafat has explicitly instructed

Darawshe to make sure nothing interferes with the withdrawal.

Coalition whip Meir Shear, meanwhile, hotly denied that any deal was struck with Darawshe in which he was promised a cabinet portfolio.

Shear, an avid supporter of the Wye deal, further argued that there is "a significant difference between what happened under the Labor government and the case here. This indeed was not a vote on a vital secu-

rity matter but on the budget and the DAP did not actually vote with the government. But even if it did and even if the vote was on a different issue, I see no reason to differentiate between a Jewish and an Arab MK."

But Science Minister Silvan Shalom, who "has many doubts about the agreement," thought that the "fact that this government is relying on the DAP which may be operating according to Arafat's instructions, is disturbing, to say the least. I

hope this will not be repeated."

Nina Gilbert adds: A group of 13 MKs from across the political spectrum yesterday called on Netanyahu and Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak to establish a national unity government.

"This is necessary, they said in a letter to the two, as a result of the political situation created following the signing of the Wye accord and on the eve of launching final-status talks.

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Israel had compromised on its demand that the fugitives be extradited, but when the Wye accord was drafted the Palestinians insisted that the names of the 30 not be included. Israel agreed to the wording that "specific individuals" would be apprehended. Later, defense officials said the suspects were identified to both the Palestinians and the Americans.

Mordechai himself appeared to wash his hands of the matter, saying it is likely to be taken up by Netanyahu and Arafat.

Mordechai also praised the PA crackdown on Hamas as a "step in the right direction," adding he hopes they continue with the arrest of terrorist leaders.

"I said the direction is correct, but there still has to be a lot of work done both in Gaza and Judea and Samaria," Mordechai said.

US envoy Dennis Ross is to arrive tomorrow to oversee implementation of the accord, which officially went into effect — at least as far as

the Palestinians are concerned — on Monday. Both Palestinians and Israelis expressed hope that the Americans can untangle the knots of confusion and suspicion, and break the latest impasse, which is not the only problem.

Senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said that Israel, contrary to the accord, has conditioned the opening of a Gaza airport on a Palestinian concession over a second safe passage route between the West Bank and Gaza.

Erekat said Israel had linked the two issues and is backpedaling on the second route. "This is blackmail of the agreement," Erekat told the Associated Press. "Such a tie is unacceptable to us."

Netanyahu's communications director David Bar-Ilan denied

Erekat's claim, saying Israel has not linked the airport opening to other issues.

Another matter of contention is settlement building. In response to a demand by Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein for clarification of

the policy on settlements, Netanyahu wrote that there is no intention of limiting building in the settlements nor to change policy on the matter in any way.

Mohammed Najib contributed to this report.

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## Knesset panel finds flaws in Wye

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday jointly issued a letter to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the cabinet listing at least eight faults they had found with the Wye agreement.

The letter was signed by chairman Uzi Landau (Likud) in the name of all the committee members, both coalition and opposition.

The problems they cited were:

- In the clause on security, Israel agreed to reciprocity with the Palestinian Authority on the fight on terror and struggle against incitement, saying, "The Palestinian side will take all measures necessary in order to prevent acts of terrorism, crime, and hostilities directed against the Israeli side... just as the Israeli side agreed to take all the necessary measures."
- The MKs said this wording will

permit the PA to avoid fulfilling the agreement without violating it.

- The clause on the PLO Charter does not obligate the Palestinians to abolish it and instead of demanding the decision be taken by a two-thirds majority of the Palestinian National Council, it only says the members of the PNC will be invited to a meeting to be addressed by the US president.
- Involving the US president in this event is "a mistake as the result will be to seriously further the international recognition of the Palestinian state."
- The clause concerning the arrest of murderers by the Palestinians instead of handing them to Israel does not demand long periods of imprisonment.
- The clause on prohibiting illegal weapons removes the emphasis on gathering up arms used for terror and Israeli security supervision at border crossings. It also does not state what will happen to

the illegal arms once gathered.

- Israel agreed to release some 750 terrorists, but this would require releasing Hamas members, while at the same time demanding the PA imprison them, or releasing Fatah members with blood on their hands.
- The clause on human rights and the rule of law stating the Palestinian Police will act with due regard to internationally accepted norms of human rights could be used as an escape hatch to prevent the effective fight against terror.
- The clause on the Palestinian Police calls for a list of policemen to be given to Israel, but does not state that the force will be reduced.
- The clause on Palestinian-US cooperation on the fight against terror does not require the PA to provide information or reach an agreement with Israel, but leaves the decision up to the US.

# MKs unite in blasting 'sloppy' Wye deal

By LIAT COLLINS

Unusual criticism, uniting MKs as diverse as Mokedet leader Rehavam Zeevi and Oslo architect Yossi Beilin (Labor), was heard in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday when it discussed the Wye agreement.

All the committee members pointed out serious faults in the agreement, as well as discrepancies between the Hebrew translation supplied by cabinet secretary Danny Naveh and the English original.

Naveh later told Israel Radio that it was not meant to be a translation but a summary.

At the end of the meeting the committee issued a joint statement protesting that the prime minister, defense minister and foreign minister had avoided addressing the committee to present the agreement.

"The committee members,

including the supporters of the Washington agreement and its opponents, determine that the agreement has serious substantial faults with serious impact on the fate of Israel and is sloppily written in a way that international agreements should not be written," the statement said.

The MKs for once sounded surprisingly similar in their complaints. MK Zeevi (Benny) Begin (Likud), told the committee: "When a shlemiel goes to the market, the vendors are happy. When [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu carries out negotiations, the PLO is happy."

MK Haim Ramon (Labor) said, "Every agreement has holes. Here is an agreement with many holes in which one can immediately run and fall into."

Ramon, like other MKs, also seriously criticized the Hebrew version of the agreement as sent by Naveh to the ministers who have to vote on

it. He called it "a deliberate and misleading manipulation."

Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) demanded that Netanyahu provide an accurate translation of the agreement.

Among the problems Ramon cited is that the Hebrew version says the Palestinians cannot take unilateral steps until the end of the negotiations on final status, whereas this does not exist in the English version and Naveh's summary dropped the clause about Palestinian human rights and the rule of law.

In response the Prime Minister's Office issued a statement calling the committee's reaction "political and unprofessional and the result of a strange alliance between the opponents of the government and the opponents of the agreement."

The statement repeated that Israel had succeeded after tough negotiations to bring about an agreement with a long list of things which did

not exist in the original US initiative.

These include the Palestinian working plan on combating terrorism; convening the Palestinian National Council to abolish the Palestinian Covenant; reducing the number of Palestinian police by 6,000; having an effective system of collecting arms; and achieving a significant reduction in the scope of the redeployment.

Among the faults in the agreement pointed out by MK Gideon Ezra (Likud) is the understanding that Israel will release 750 prisoners without blood on their hands, whereas according to Ezra this number does not exist.

Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said that "unfortunately, with sorrow, I think we will have no choice but to release prisoners with blood on their hands or Hamas members."

Ezra also said there was no time schedule for the arrest of 30 wanted terrorists.

## US letters of assurance to Israel

Dear Dan:

I wanted to confirm our policy on the issues of Reciprocity/Parallelism, Permanent Status Negotiations, and Prisoner Releases. In this regard, the statements issued publicly by the State Department on October 29, 1998, are accurate and represent our policies.

On Reciprocity/Parallelism, the statement said: "Resolving the crisis of confidence between Israelis and Palestinians requires each side to fulfill a set of responsibilities based on the concept of reciprocity, i.e., both sides must carry out their respective obligations in accordance with the Wye River Memorandum. These obligations will be implemented or carried out in a parallel phased approach in accordance with the mutually agreed Time Line."

As for Permanent Status Negotiations, the statement said: "The US is highly sensitive to the vital importance of the permanent status issues to Israel's future. We recognize that the security of the State of Israel and the Israeli public is at stake, and the US commitment to Israel's security remains iron-clad."

"We appreciate that if the US is invited by both parties to participate in the permanent status talks, which are to be conducted between Israel and the Palestinians on a bilateral basis, we will do so for the purpose of facilitating the negotiations."

"Only Israel can determine its own security needs and decide what solutions will be satisfactory."

"We also understand that any decision to convene or seek to convene a summit to resolve permanent status issues will need the agree-

ment of both parties."

With regard to the issue of Prisoner Releases and the question of a "revolving door," the statement said: "We have had discussions with the Palestinians and they have given us a firm commitment that there will be no 'revolving door.'"

These public statements by the State Department represent our policies. We will not change them and they will remain our policies in the future.

Sincerely, Edward S. Walker Jr.  
Ambassador.

Dear Mr. Naveh:

I wanted to provide further clarification of the understanding of the United States regarding one of the issues addressed in the Wye River Memorandum. With respect to the Palestinian side's provision of its list of policemen to Israel (II (C)(1)(a)), the US has been assured that it will receive all appropriate information concerning current and former policemen as part of our assistance program. It is also our understanding that it was agreed by the two sides that the total number of Palestinian policemen would not exceed 30,000.

Sincerely, Dennis B. Ross.  
Special Middle East Coordinator

Dear Dan:

I wanted to confirm our policy on the issue of the 3rd phase of further redeployment. In this regard, the statement issued publicly by the State Department on October 27, 1998, is accurate and represents our policy.

Regarding the third further redeployment, the statement said:

"During the discussions leading to this agreement, the US made clear to both parties that it will not adopt any position or express any view about the size or the content of the third phase of Israel's further redeployment, which is an Israeli responsibility to implement rather than negotiate."

"Under the terms of the memorandum, an Israeli-Palestinian committee is being established. Nonetheless we urge the parties not to be distracted from the urgent task of negotiating permanent status arrangements, which are at the heart of the matter and which will determine the future of the area."

"Our own efforts have been and will continue to be dedicated to that vital task."

This public statement by the State Department represents our policy. We will not change it and it will remain our policy in the future.

Sincerely, Edward S. Walker Jr.  
Ambassador.

Dear Dan:

I wanted to confirm our policy on the issues of unilateral actions and the Charter of the PLO. In this regard, the statements issued publicly by the State Department on October 27, 1998, are accurate and represent our policies.

With regard to unilateral declarations or other unilateral actions, the statement said: "As regards to the possibility of a unilateral decision of statehood or other unilateral actions by either party outside the negotiating process that prejudice or predetermine the outcome of those negotiations, the US opposes and will oppose any such unilateral actions."

These public statements by the State Department represent our policies. We will not change them and they will remain our policies in the future.

Sincerely, Edward S. Walker Jr.  
Ambassador



### A ticket (not) to ride

A policeman yesterday shows the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court packages of fake tickets seized when 11 Dan cooperative bus drivers were arrested Sunday on suspicion of selling them to passengers and pocketing millions of shekels. Police raided their apartments and found the fake tickets and a printing press. The drivers worked on lines 4, 5, 13, 17, 30, 61, 62, and 66 in the Gush Dan region.

(Yael Somdek/Israel Sun)

## Israel's list of 30 Palestinians wanted for murder

By Jerusalem Post Staff

According to the Government Press Office, the 30 terror suspects Israel wants apprehended and jailed by the Palestinian Authority are:

1. Imjad Mohammed Himawi - member of Hamas who took part in the murder of David Boin, 16, in Beit El in May 1996.
2. Ibrahim Salah Mustafa Alkam, 3. Abdel Nasser Ismail Hassan Alkassbi,
4. Ibrahim Massad Elias Hani - all suspected of the murder of Eina Tzartand her son Ephraim, 12, on December 11, 1996, near Beit El.
5. Bassam Khalil Abdel Rahman Aram
6. Yasser Mohammed Musa Aram - both suspected of the attempted murder of Zvi Fixler at

Moshav Gan-Or on December 10, 1993.

7. Abdallah Mahmoud Samiri - suspected in the murder of Naftali Sahar, 75, near Rehovot, on February 10, 1994.
8. Bassam Subhi Issa - suspected of involvement in the attack on Rehov Yoel Solomon in Jerusalem on October 9, 1994. Two people were killed and eight injured. Also participated in murder of three IDF soldiers in April 1993.
9. Hisham Salim Dib - suspected on involvement in the suicide bombing attack at Dizengoff Center on March 4, 1996. Thirteen people were killed in the attack.
10. Nafez Mahmoud Sabih - suspected of involvement in planning suicide bombing attacks on Bus No. 18 in Jerusalem on February 25 and March 2, 1996, and in Ashkelon on the same day. Forty-

five people were killed, including American citizens Sara Duker and Matthew Eisenfeld.

11. Imad Mahmoud Issa Abbas - suspected in the murder of Moshe Bino and Amikam Zaltzman at Karni on June 25, 1992.
12. Atef Hamadan - suspected in the attempted kidnapping and murder of an IDF soldier on September 18, 1992, and the murder of several Palestinians suspected on collaborating with Israel.
13. Rajah Khalil Ali Abu-Sita and 14. Amru Abdallah Abu-Sita - both suspected of involvement in the murder of Uri Megiddish of Gan-Or on March 9, 1993.
15. Salah Mustafa Othman - suspected of taking part in attack on Bus No. 25 in Jerusalem on July 1, 1993, killing one person.
16. Ra'id Abu Libda - suspected of murdering Natalia Ivanov in

Ashdod on September 23, 1994.- 17. Iyad Hamdi Abu-Shakafa - suspected of the attempted murder of Shaul David in Ramle on February 9, 1994.
- 18., 19., and 20. - Three Palestinian policemen - suspected of killing border policeman Jackie Attias on April 26, 1995, at the Erez checkpoint.
- 21. Iyad Abdelkader Ismail Basheeti
- 22. Yusuf Mahmoud Abdelaziz Malahi - both suspected of involvement in the murder of two Israelis in Ramle on August 26, 1994.
- 23. Shahdi Subhi Abdel Rahman Abu Khaja - suspected of the attempted murder of Shimon Dror on September 19, 1994.
- 24. Yusuf Mohammed Ahmed Raghi
- 25. Shahar Ali Ahmed Raghi -

both participated in the murder of Ohad Bachrach and Uri Shohar in Wadi Kelt on July 18, 1995.

26. Khader Saba Yakub Abu Abra - issued instructions to the attackers who killed Bachrach and Shohar.
27. Muhi a-Din Sharif - transported the explosives to the terrorist who carried out the suicide bombing attack against Bus No. 26 in Jerusalem in August 1995. Three people were killed in the attack, including Joan Davenny, a school-teacher from Connecticut.
28. Abdel Majid Dudin - trained people to carry out suicide bombings.
29. Ala Ahmed Ahmed Munim Salah - suspected of involvement in the murder of Yossi Zindani on March 31, 1994.
30. Awad Silmi - took part in many terror attacks, including the murder of Lt.-Col. Meir Mintz.

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# Haifa judge assaulted in court

By DAVID RUDGE

Haifa District Court Judge Menahem Ne'eman was punched and kicked yesterday by a man who had apparently waited for him to leave his chambers.

The judge, who had left his office to go to the bathroom, was taken by surprise by his assailant, a 28-year-old Acre man, and suffered several blows before security officers pulled off the attacker and arrested him. Ne'eman was lightly injured and was taken to Haifa's Carmel

Hospital for treatment. He was released later in the day.

It was later found that the suspect, who has bailiff's warrants pending against him, had intended to assault other judges. During a search of his clothing, police found a list with the names of other judges he had allegedly planned to attack, as well as a rock.

The suspect is to be brought before the Haifa Magistrates Court today for a remand hearing.

Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein issued a statement in

response to the attack on Ne'eman, saying such manifestations of violence must be fought. "There is no doubt that Israel's judges will not be deterred and will continue to fulfill their mission," said Rubinstein, who phoned Ne'eman to express his sympathy and encouragement.

State Attorney Edna Arbel also expressed regret at the incident, saying she hopes it will serve as a warning light to society against further deterioration of norms and would not be repeated.

## Blumenthal vows to fight Customs Authority over exemptions

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

The Customs Authority's proposal to pass legislation granting returning citizens customs exemptions only if they have been abroad at least 10 years came under stiff attack from Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee chairwoman Naomi Blumenthal yesterday.

"Doing this would send a clear message to all Israelis living abroad that we don't want you," Blumenthal said, adding that she would act to scuttle the proposal.

The proposal has been approved by Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, and it needs to be passed in the finance committee within two months.

Customs Authority director Motti Ayalon told the committee that 80 percent of those receiving the exemptions are returning government emissaries and their families, and there was no reason

to allow this.

However, Absorption Ministry representatives dismissed this figure as totally inaccurate.

Blumenthal suggested that if this is the problem, specific guidelines could be included in the law regarding customs exemptions for returning Israelis relating to such emissaries, and perhaps excluding them from the list of those eligible for the customs rights.

Government officials this year granted more liberal benefits as a lever for attracting Israelis living abroad to return during the state's jubilee year.

As part of this arrangement, a previous proposal had spoken of granting the rights to those who had been abroad two years or more.

Blumenthal said she would not allow the new arrangement to pass and had already begun discussing how to block it in the finance committee, a spokesman for Blumenthal said.



Victims remembered

Leah Meretz, who lost her daughter, Shira, in the October 19, 1994 suicide bombing of a No. 5 Dan bus in Tel Aviv, lights a memorial candle yesterday at the Rehov Dizengoff site with her niece, Shani Gan. The Hamas bomber killed 22 persons and wounded 43 in the attack.

(Dan Ostendyev/Israel Sam)

## Am Hofshi to monitor haredi polling stations

By SHI DAVIDI

Am Hofshi (Free Nation) will send 120 observers to monitor haredi polling stations in Jerusalem, Petah Tikva, and Netanya during next week's municipal elections to prevent fraud, chairman Ornan Yekutieli announced yesterday.

"Am Hofshi has observer status from candidates that want to prevent fraud and keep an eye on the elections," Yekutieli said, adding that he had support from most candidates. "God forbid

that this should be seen as an attack on the haredim; we will be very happy if there is no fraud. But the suspicion police and the candidates have is about the haredi neighborhoods."

The observers will work with security guards and hidden cameras. They will report any suspicious activity to a supervisor who will alert the proper authorities.

During that last election, there were between 6,000 to 8,000 forged ballots in Jerusalem, according to Am Hofshi

spokesman Lior Horev.

In the past election, methods of fraud included voting in someone else's name, voters from other cities casting ballots in Jerusalem, changing ID card pictures, and voting in the name of dead people by using their IDs.

Yekutieli, who is also running for Jerusalem mayor, said there is no conflict of interest between his campaign and his role in Am Hofshi.

"This is about democratic concerns in the vote," he said. United Torah Judaism candi-

date and Jerusalem deputy mayor Uri Lupolianski said it is unfair to single out the haredim.

"Wherever there are gaps in the system, there can be fraud," he said. "But to say only one group is lying and cheating surprises me. That's part of the anti-haredi campaign, saying we took over by fraud."

Horev said the reputation of all haredim should not be ruined by the actions of a few.

"There is one group that forges ballots and ruins the name for all the haredim."

## Betar to protest Wye agreement

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

The Betar youth movement announced yesterday it is launching a campaign against the Wye agreement.

"We are going to battle against the pull out, not against [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu personally or the cabinet," World Betar director-general Danny Danon told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Betar activists waited outside cabinet ministers' homes Monday night to hand them a letter urging them to vote against the agreement.

The movement also intends to demonstrate at main intersections and is considering joining the mass demonstration in Kikar Rabin planned by Ma'amatz - a group of right wing movements - against the pull out.

"Our condition is that the demonstration's slogan is not

aimed against Netanyahu, but against giving parts of the homeland away," Danon said.

Asked about the rift between Betar and the Likud's leadership, Danon said "we're an educational, ideological Zionist youth movement and we will continue to act for realizing the dream and educating youth in Israel and the world on the values of the greater Eretz Yisrael."

"We are determined to continue fighting for our vision and our dream, as did Betar founder and leader Zeev Jabotinsky, Menachem Begin, Moshe Arens and Bezalel Netanyahu, the prime minister's father," Danon said. "If it hadn't been for the Jabotinsky's dream and vision, we wouldn't be here today," he said.

Likud spokeswoman Ronit Ekstein said that "Betar people must understand we must all compromise with reality, not with our dreams."

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

### Public can vote with ID cards only

By Jerusalem Post Staff and Item

People will be able to vote in the municipal elections next Tuesday even though they do not have the printed appendix to their identity cards, Interior Minister Eli Shalev ruled yesterday, following an appeal this week by Tsomet MK and Omer Mayor Pini Badash. He claimed the Interior Ministry strike is causing a serious delay in issuing the slips. Voters will still be required to present their photo identity cards.

Rosh Ha'ayin mayoral candidate Yigal Yanai woke up yesterday to find he was dead.

Yanai, an independent candidate read over breakfast his name an obituary in *Yedioth Aharonot*, supposedly signed by his family.

"I knew you pay a heavy price when you enter politics but I never thought something like this would happen," his wife Ronit said.

Yanai, 46, said he rushed to telephone family and friends to tell them he was alive, but dozens of people still showed up at his door to pay condolence calls.

He said police had arrested a suspect.

"Politics can shorten your life," Yanai quipped on Israel Radio.

Former soccer star Rifat (Jimmy) Turk, a Meretz candidate for the Tel Aviv city council, had his car torched Monday night.

Turk said yesterday he has been the victim of growing violence and incitement since he presented his candidacy as No. 4 on Meretz's list.

Turk has been branded a traitor in spray painting on Jaffa walls and is receiving anonymous telephone calls threatening his life and the lives of his family unless he steps down.

"The incitement against me is taking place in the mosques as well. On Fridays, they incite against me and Meretz in the sermons," he said.

On Monday night, Turk returned home late from an election meeting, to find a commotion near his house. When he approached he found his car had been set on fire. Neighbors who saw the flames woke his family and helped put out the fire.

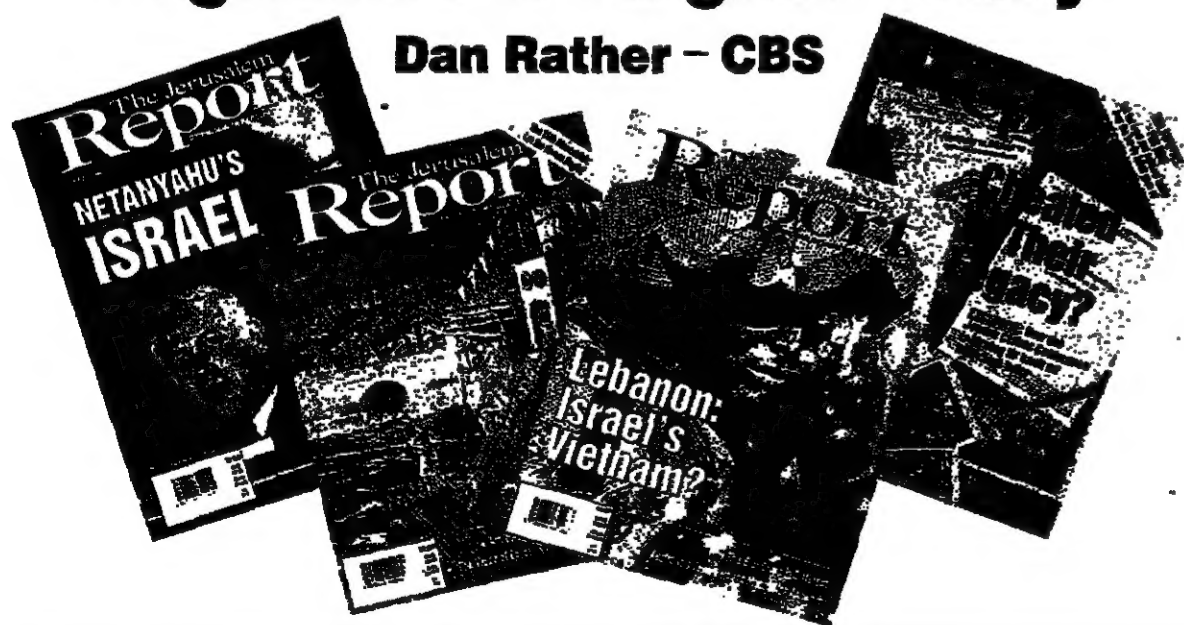
Turk said yesterday he has no personal enemies or accounts to settle in Jaffa and has no idea who is behind the attacks.

Schools will be closed next Tuesday in all 161 cities and local authorities in which elections are taking place, the Education Ministry announced yesterday. However, special education institutions, boarding schools, and private nursery schools will operate as usual.

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## AT THE KNESSET

### Dispute over early election bill

Speaker Dan Tichon announced yesterday that the early elections bill would come up for a first reading in the Knesset on November 16.

However, Haim Oron (Meretz) demanded that Tichon coordinate the date with the bills' sponsors. One bill is sponsored by Oron and the other by Haim Ramon and R'anan Cohen (both Labor).

Oron said that Meretz would bring up the bill at a date decided in coordination with the Labor Party, and "not at a date convenient for the coalition and the Speaker."

The bills must be passed by a majority of 61 MKs on first reading to be returned to the Law Committee, and then pass two more readings. The opposition may seek to delay the vote until the Wye agreement gets under way, in an attempt to win the support of Arab MKs who are opposed to dissolving the Knesset at this time.

### Free pre-school bill moves forward

A bill that would ensure free education beginning at three, instead of five, was passed on first reading last night. Shlomo Ben-Ami (Labor), one of its sponsors, said that "this is great news for young couples who are crumbling under the burden of pre-school costs."

The other sponsors are Tamar Gozansky (Hadash), and Anat Maor (Meretz).

Maor said after the vote that the legislation would cost an estimated NIS 75 million next year, to come from budget reserves. At the same time, she said that

in a compromise to win support, the sponsors agreed to implement the plan gradually, beginning with four or starting in development towns.

### Knesset wants more Hebrew music

Half of all songs broadcast on the country's airwaves would have to be in Hebrew, according to a bill passed on first reading. The aim of the bill, sponsored by Yona Yahav (Labor), is to boost original local culture and creativity.

Yahav said the move is especially fitting in the nation's 50th year. The bill also calls for the issuing of a license for a station that would specialize in all types of Hebrew music.

### Bill would boost film industry

Funding would be boosted by 500 percent to some NIS 65m. annually and a national council for Israeli film would be established to encourage and decide on dividing funds among the various groups in film industry, according to a bill passed on first reading.

The legislation, sponsored by Yona Yahav (Labor), Dedi Zucker (Meretz), and Ruby Rivlin (Likud), is meant to ensure that the film industry can be sustained, even if it is not profitable. The extra funds would come from profits from royalties from the Second Television and Radio Authority and cable television, and thus cut dependence on direct government funding.

Rivlin said that in coordination with Zucker, the two asked Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for support for the film industry and he promised to transfer another NIS 10m. this year, regardless of the legislation.

## PM's neighbors don't want streets closed

By ELLI WOHLGELER

Residents of the Jerusalem neighborhood of Rehavia are angry over plans to close off the streets bordering the prime minister's residence and are hoping authorities will reconsider the proposal.

The issue is one of security, with the General Security Service expressing a desire to shut down Balfour and Sniolanskin streets to prevent a suicide car bomber from making his way alongside the house.

The final decision is expected within days, a determination being made in conjunction with City Hall and the Transportation Ministry.

"We haven't decided yet," said Haggai Elias, spokesman for Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

"We're waiting until we talk to the Transportation Ministry, and then together we will make a decision."

Neighbors who are already inconvenienced by the street's closing whenever the prime minister comes or goes, or when there's a demonstration, say they have a life to live as well.

"I understand where it's coming from, because there is a tense atmosphere since the assassination of [prime minister Yitzhak] Rabin," said Ilanit Sasson Melchior, chairwoman of the World Union of Jewish Students, whose offices are across the street in the Terra Sancta compound. "But at the same time people have to continue to be able to live their lives. It's created an atmosphere of fear."

Melchior said that things were much different when Rabin lived across the street.

"We could even see him when he came in, and Leah, and we always had these nice contacts, like neighbors. But now we don't see anybody, not the children, not the prime minister's wife - none of them."

Another neighbor said it was dumb to have the prime minister living in a residential neighborhood, and his house should be moved elsewhere.

"Most leaders in the world live in a castle or a house on the outside of a city," he said, declining to be identified. "He's stuck smack in the middle of Rehavia. It's a pain in the ass anyway that he's here; it'll just be a bigger pain in the ass when they close the streets."







## WORLD

in brief

### Gucci's ex-wife gets 29 years for his murder

MILAN (AP) — The ex-wife of slain fashion heir Maurizio Gucci was convicted of his murder yesterday and sentenced to 29 years in prison.

Four co-defendants were also convicted, with the triggerman getting a life sentence.

The verdict came only a few hours after Patrizia Reggiani Martinelli made a final plea for mercy before a crowded courtroom, saying she was naive and involved in his murder against her will.

The prosecution had asked for the maximum — a life sentence. But the panel of two judges and five citizens instead gave her 29 years in prison.

She was accused of murdering her ex-husband to gain control of his fortune.

### Yeltsin appears, looks relaxed

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin made his first public appearance yesterday since beginning a rest cure on the Black Sea last Friday.

Yeltsin looked relaxed in televised footage. He greeted Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev in an open-necked shirt and cardigan at a retreat in the resort of Sochi, where he is enjoying a climate milder than Moscow's early winter.

"Despite the country's economic difficulties the president is paying constant attention to the reorganization of our armed forces and is giving all the support he can," Sergeev told reporters after his talks in Sochi.

### Man who forced slave labor compensation dies

Norbert Wollheim, the Auschwitz survivor who first forced German industry to compensate slave laborers, died Sunday in New York. He was 85.

In 1951, Wollheim sued I.G. Farben, arguing that he should be compensated for two years of forced labor at the company's synthetic-rubber plant. His action, which produced a tiny stipend for himself, led Farben to reach an agreement with the Claims Conference for a \$6.5 million fund to compensate Jewish laborers.

Before he was deported, the Berlin-born Wollheim helped save more than 9,500 Jewish children through transports to Britain.

Wollheim, who immigrated to the US in 1952, helped create the organization of American survivors, and the emotional convening in Jerusalem in 1981 of some 7,000 survivors from around the world. *Marilyn Henry*

### France says spy case won't harm NATO ties

PARIS (Reuters) — The French government said yesterday its ties to NATO would not be harmed by charges a French army officer working in the alliance's Brussels headquarters had been spying for Yugoslavia. But officials conceded the French military had been shaken by the arrest of Maj. Pierre Bunel, 46, in Paris on suspicion of giving Belgrade secret NATO plans for possible air strikes on Serbia.

In Brussels, a NATO source said Bunel was not in a position to tell the Yugoslav military precisely which targets the allies planned to hit in any air strike.

Bunel was head of personal staff to Gen. Pierre Wiroth, military adviser to France's ambassador to NATO, since mid-1996.

# US, UK threaten force against Iraq

News agencies

Britain and the United States warned yesterday they have not ruled out the use of force if Iraq fails to back down in its latest confrontation over UN weapons inspectors.

US Defense Secretary William Cohen and his British counterpart, George Robertson, meeting briefly in London, issued a statement calling the two countries in "complete agreement about the gravity of the situation."

On Saturday, Iraq banned UN weapons inspection teams from working in the country after the UN Security Council again refused to lift economic sanctions. The Security Council demanded that Iraq reverse the ban.

"Saddam Hussein has to realize that full compliance with the UN is the only way open to Iraq to achieve the lifting of sanctions," the statement from Cohen and Robertson said.

It added that all options remain on the table, including the use of force, to persuade Saddam.

The situation is similar to the last crisis in February, when an Iraqi refusal to allow UN weapons inspectors to do their job led to a buildup of forces in the Gulf.

"Diplomacy can achieve a lot," Robertson told British Broadcasting Corp. radio yesterday. "Diplomacy backed by the threat of force can achieve much more."

He added that "Saddam has got to get a very clear and unanimous message from the international community that this is not going to be tolerated."

The *Guardian* newspaper yesterday quoted an Iraqi defector as saying Saddam has a chemical and biological weapons arsenal that he keeps secret from even his most senior advisers. Abbas Janabi, the



Iraqi women demonstrate in Baghdad yesterday for the lifting of UN trade sanctions. The protest was staged as a symbolic funeral for 60 children the Health Ministry said had died due to shortages of food and medicine. (AP)

former private secretary to Saddam's son, told the newspaper that Saddam has misled senior officials into thinking the weapons have been destroyed.

At the UN yesterday, a Security Council source said the aim of a resolution on Iraq now being drafted by some council members is to put political pressure on Baghdad.

"It will not threaten the use of military force, but obviously all options remain open," the source said.

"It will not be a dramatic resolution, but a calm and patient restating of the obvious, which is that Iraq must resume cooperation [with UN weapons inspectors]." A prime aim will be to produce a text that all 15 council members can

support, including Russia, France, and China, which have been more sympathetic to Iraq than the United States and Britain, the other two permanent council members.

Until Saturday, the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM) in charge of scrapping Iraq's weapons of mass destruction had been able to carry out some monitoring of pre-

viously declared sites.

But the latest Iraqi move means even this cannot be done, though in a minor concession UN inspectors have been allowed to maintain equipment, such as cameras installed at various sites which relay pictures back to UNSCOM's Baghdad Monitoring and Verification Center.

## Storm relief efforts focus on survivors

By DAN TROTTER

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (Reuters) — Attention in Central America turned from the dead to the living yesterday as thousands of people remained cut off from food and water after being battered last week by Hurricane Mitch, one of the region's worst natural disasters on record.

With more than 7,000 people feared dead — most of them in Nicaragua and Honduras — and fragile economies ruined by the effects of Hurricane Mitch, which has since dissipated, rescue workers renewed their search for survivors.

At least 3,444 people were confirmed dead, including 808 in Nicaragua, 362 in Honduras, 174 in El Salvador and 93 in Guatemala.

Meanwhile, pledges of foreign aid trickled in, welcome relief for a region whose leaders

say a complete recovery will take years.

Honduran President Carlos Flores issued an impassioned plea for help on Monday and key Central American allies pledged to do what they could.

The Red Cross and the [Nicaraguan] army are in the process of rescuing the living, which is still the No. 1 priority. Red Cross spokeswoman Leonora Rivera said. "We're not looking for bodies. The dead are dead."

As many as 2,000 dead could be buried under a sea of mud in northwestern Nicaragua, where a torrent of earth, rocks and debris came cascading down the side of a volcano on Friday, swallowing up entire villages.

In Honduras, officials said they feared the local death toll could rise to 5,000 as the country's Caribbean coast was pummeled for several days

when the hurricane stalled just off the coast.

Nicaraguan officials said the government was considering declaring the hardest hit area a "national cemetery," possibly letting the dead rest in peace rather than begin the endless task of trying to dig them up from under 80 square kilometers of mud.

The army also said it would burn corpses to prevent disease from spreading.

Some 200 survivors were plucked from the volcano disaster zone on Sunday and Monday, and the army has evacuated more than 20,000 people from devastated areas. Many survivors said they had not eaten for several days. Impoverished Honduras and Nicaragua bore the brunt of horrific deluges and mudslides from a weeklong rampage by Mitch, although neighboring El Salvador also was hit hard.

## Spain authorizes talks with Basque separatists

MADRID (AP) — Spain's prime minister said yesterday he had authorized talks with groups linked to militant Basque separatists, marking the first time the Spanish government has taken steps to negotiate an end to the 30-year conflict.

"There are news reports that I have authorized contacts."

It's true, Aznar said upon his return from a trip to London.

The contacts would be through the Basque National Liberation Movement, a loose grouping of ETA and other militant separatist organizations, a spokesman for Aznar's office said.

"The contacts that have not happened until now will take place with the go-betweens of ETA's world," said the spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We cannot say anything yet about the how, who and when."

An official government spokesman, Josep Pique, told reporters that the contacts were to explore new possibilities since the cease-fire, "to find out whether (ETA) is really willing to give up violence for good."

ETA, which is campaigning for a Basque homeland in northern Spain and southern France, declared an indefinite cease-fire last two months ago, ushering in the Basque peace process.

Groups close to ETA said the truce was modeled on the Northern Irish process that led to the April peace accord and urged the government to promote a negotiated settlement as British Prime Minister Tony Blair had done in Northern Ireland.

Irish republican leader Gerry Adams visited the Basque region last month and urged Aznar's government to respond positively to the cease-fire by opening peace talks.

A group of Basque political parties and organizations known as the Irish Forum secured Adams' backing for its proposal, known as the Lizarrate Declaration, for all-party peace talks, including the government and ETA.

The Irish Forum includes Heffri Batasuna, the political coalition linked to ETA, as well as moderate Basque nationalist parties, labor unions and civic groups.

The government's hard-line position of rejecting peace negotiations with ETA or legal organizations linked to it has softened gradually since the cease-fire and since regional elections on October 25.

Until then the government took a tough stand against ETA, arresting many militants, dismantling a major ETA financial network and closing an allied daily newspaper — all of which is believed to have contributed to the cease-fire.

Recently, the government let it be known ETA would not be required to hand over weapons before talks could be held on the future of 535 ETA prisoners being held in Spanish jails and other issues.

Aznar's Popular Party and Euzkadi Herriak, a political coalition linked to ETA, came in second and third respectively in last month's Basque regional elections.

## What's at stake in the US elections

**PARTY BREAKDOWN NOW**  
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Republican retirements (6) — Pete Wilson, California; Phil Batt, Idaho; Jim Edgar, Illinois; Terry Branstad,



Rebublican Jeb Bush; running for governor of Florida. (AP)

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1958: Dwight Eisenhower (R): Republicans lost 48 seats in the House, and 13 in the Senate.

1962: John Kennedy (D): Democrats lost four seats in the House, but gained three in the Senate.

1966: Lyndon Johnson (D): Democrats lost 47 seats in the House, and four in the Senate.

1970: Richard Nixon (R): Republicans lost 12 seats in the House, but gained two in the Senate.

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1978: Jimmy Carter (D): Democrats lost 15 seats in the House, and three in the Senate.

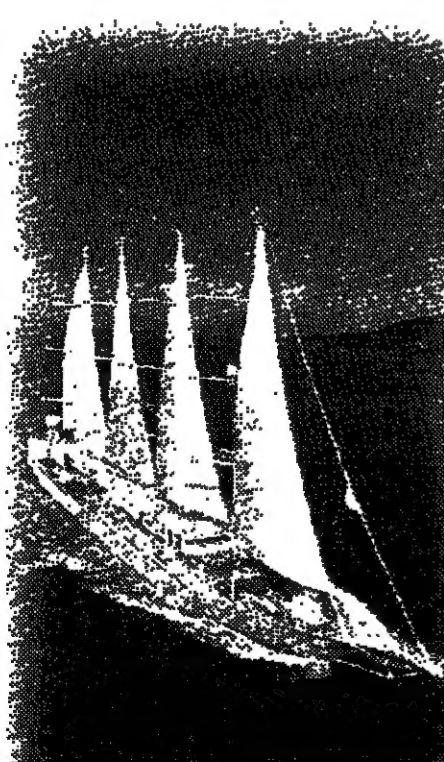
1982: Ronald Reagan (R): Republicans lost 26 seats in the House, but gained one in the Senate.

1986: Ronald Reagan (R): Republicans lost five seats in the House, and eight in the Senate.

1990: George Bush (R): Republicans lost eight seats in the House, and one in the Senate.

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## Scorched earth

A few weeks ago our weekly *New York Times* supplement carried a startling photograph from Alaska of a forest sinking into the ground, and collapsing roadside telephone poles lurching drunkenly toward the horizon.

The permafrost is melting. It's time we all begin thinking seriously about global warming. And what, you may reasonably ask, are "we all" supposed to do about it?

At the start of World War II, British housewives donated their aluminum pots and pans to the war effort to build fighter planes. No one knows how many frying pans took to the air in the Battle of Britain to halt the Nazi rat-pack.

But stop "em they did. The scheme was probably useless for building Spitfires, but it was a roaring success in recruiting a nation to a cause.

We will soon need the equivalent of a pots-and-pans campaign to save the planet, because the world's elected (and unelected) leaders are not delivering the answers.

The Wizard of Id cartoonist may think the advantage of Global Warming has been to put an end to scary hype about the Next Ice Age. That's only because Id has not yet been swept away in a torrent of muddy floods from inexplicable downpours or melting ice fields.

production of pollutants.

The tricky details were left out — the levels of cuts, and who would pay for them. Even so, the modest "historic" agreement between 200 states has been ratified by one — Fiji. The US, the monster generator of most of the gas problem, has not even signed the treaty.

It is absolutely clear that petty human squabbles over who should cut pollution first (the industrialized world or the developing world) hold sway over any political understanding of the seriousness of the problem. If our air contained nothing but its main ingredients — 78 percent nitrogen and 21 percent oxygen — nearly all of the energy generated by the sun on the surface of the globe would radiate back into space. The temperature would be way below zero, and we never would have evolved to endure it.

The so-called greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, trap some solar energy, producing the cozy average analogy of a greenhouse on a chilly but sunny winter afternoon.

Human activity, especially the burning of fossil fuels, is turning the air into a lens and the climate into turmoil. But the greenhouse and global warming descriptions are somewhat misleading because they suggest that the serious issue is rising average temperature. It is not; it is moving water.

Most of the earth's surface energy goes into evaporating water, and when water changes from liquid to gas, it traps that energy as latent heat. When the airborne water re-condenses, it dumps that energy back into the air. It takes very little global warming to allow the air to hold much more moisture.

**Fiddle and burn**  
But such changes are not even — some regions dry out more fiercely as water is sucked out of them, other regions are flooded more drastically as huge rain-falls dump on them, higher temperature differentials swirl winds and tides into new patterns, in turn bringing new and more extreme weather changes.

Does this sound familiar to dedicated followers of the weather channels?

One myth by which politicians excuse their reckless indolence on this issue is the one which says "Well, scientists disagree about it all anyway."

This is not so. There is surprising unanimity, given that climate mechanics is such a diffuse science. Modern predictive models are done by computers making weather simulations using vast amounts of observed data. They are very good at it. There are areas of controversy and uncertainty of course. But there is one area of absolute agreement: People are polluting the planet and changing the climate, and the people's leaders are fiddling while the globe scorches. Even Nero didn't manage that.

### Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

# The man who would be king

Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan, in the midst of a royal trial-run as his brother undergoes cancer treatment, is finding himself in the unwelcome glare of public and media attention

By REBECCA TROUNSON

He is his brother's protégé, top adviser and closest friend.

For 33 years, since King Hussein of Jordan tapped him as official successor, Crown Prince Hassan has been the understudy, learning the part but rarely getting the chance to play it.

But Hassan is now — reluctantly — in the midst of a royal trial-run, acting as regent while his beloved older brother undergoes treatment for lymphatic cancer in the US. The brothers consult regularly but Hassan is formally running the country, as he has been since Hussein began chemotherapy at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic in July.

Now, with the 62-year-old monarch's gaunt, gutsy appearance last month at the Wye Plantation summit again fueling speculation about succession, the 51-year-old Hassan is finding himself in the unwelcome glare of public and media attention, weary of the unending rumors about Hussein's health and the inevitable, sometimes unflattering comparisons that follow.

Adding to the pressures, the ailing king's role at the Mideast peace talks and his eloquent speech afterward at the White House showcased the very qualities — charisma, personal warmth and a sure, natural style of leadership — that the brainy, thoughtful Hassan is said to lack.

And frankly, the prince said in a recent interview, he finds the endless discussion of their differences a bit exasperating, especially given his years of working closely with his brother.

"One needs to look at the track record over three decades," he said. "We have what some have called a unique partnership. And if certain qualities exist, I believe they have complemented each other."

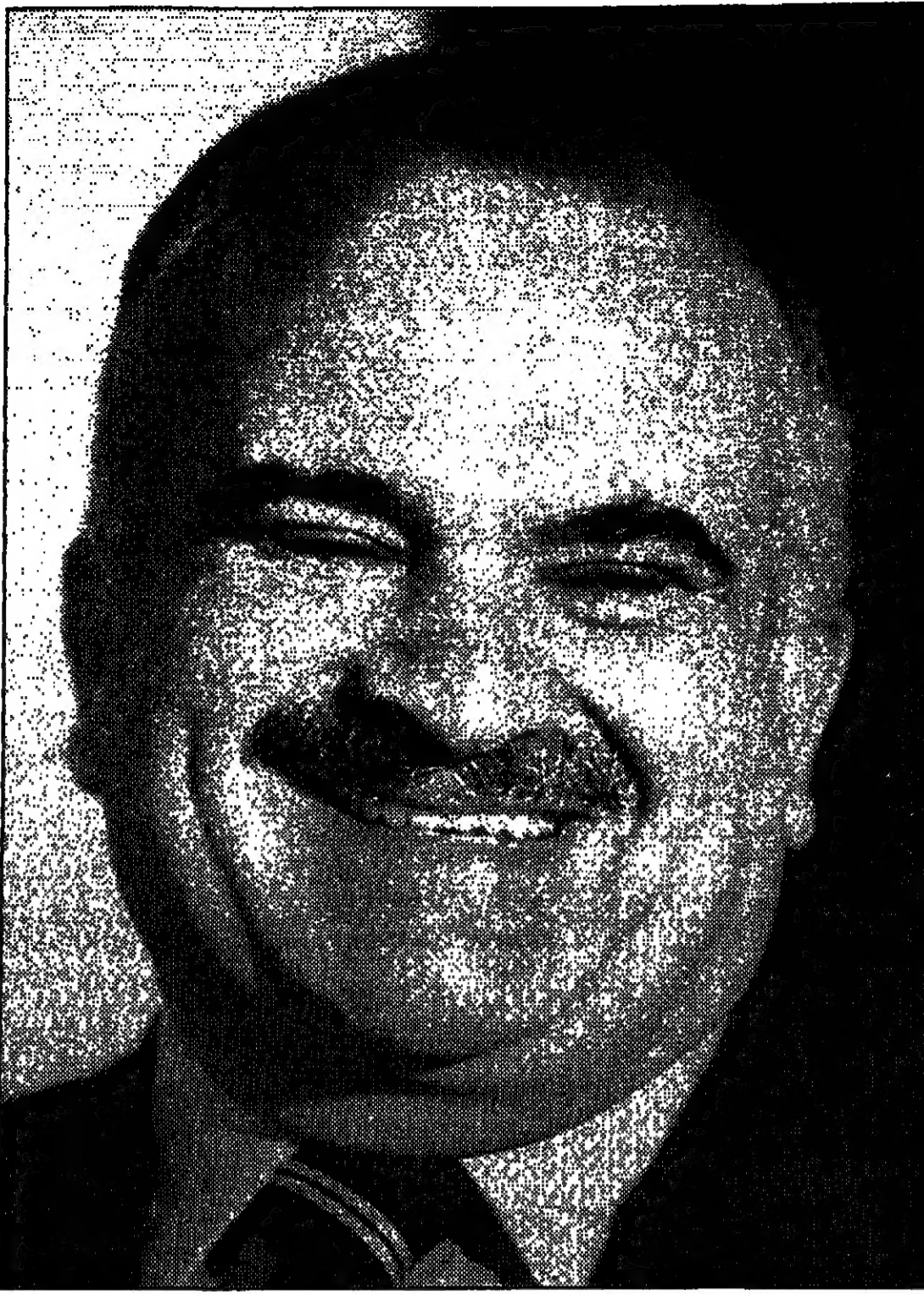
Added one longtime associate: "He knows he can never be exactly like Hussein. But so what? What are they supposed to be, any way, a family of clones?"

They are far from it, despite a bedrock of shared political values and an obvious affection and admiration for each other. Hussein is instinctive, patient, often wise, a man who seems equally at home in a Bedouin tent or a summit of world leaders.

Hassan is driven, detail-oriented and impatient, especially with what he sees as incompetence. Despite years of effort to develop something akin to his brother's easy manner, he is more comfortable expounding his theories on the "arc of instability" or "politics over policy" with intellectual elites than discussing everyday problems with the public.

At the same time, several politicians and analysts here, speaking privately, say that while they believe and hope that the king will resume the throne at the end of his treatment, Hassan's intellectual gifts and interests are well-suited to leading Jordan in the future.

"He's a modern man, well-educated and very interested in issues like the economy," a prominent



The brainy, thoughtful Hassan is said to lack King Hussein's charisma, personal warmth and sure, natural style of leadership. (David Rubinger)

academic said of the prince. "That's a major plus for Jordan. He would be likely to focus much more on technology, education, infrastructure and development."

THIS stint as regent has been for a longer period than ever before.

During the interview and an earlier dinner at his home in the royal palace compound in Amman, Hassan spoke of some of the strains involved in filling in for his brother during a period of disappointment among Jordanians over the slow pace of regional peace and a continuing economic recession in the country, along with widespread worry about the king.

"It's been a difficult few months," he said. "Every day, I've tried not only to reassure Jordanians over his majesty's

health but remind them that we all have to live up to his expectations for a stable Jordan."

The crown prince described his relationship with the king as one of give and take, where each respects the other's views. But they have different roles, he said.

"The king has the stature and standing of a head of state with years of experience," he said. "Jordan is synonymous all over the world with King Hussein."

His own role, he said, involved working "closer to the kitchen" of day-to-day business and often acting as a trouble-shooter, a background that has served him well in recent months.

According to accounts from the king's doctors and his family, Hussein is responding well to treatment and may be able to return to

Jordan soon, perhaps this month. The Jordanian government and the State Department recently denied an Israeli newspaper account that quoted US officials as saying the king's condition was dire.

But, as if to prepare his subjects, Hussein himself has alluded several times to the possibility of his passing, and the prospect is unsettling for many in Jordan, where a majority of the nation's 4 million people have never known another leader. The king has ruled his nation for 46 years, and Jordanians describe him in affectionate, often deeply personal tones.

"We have been depressed and upset ever since we heard the king was sick," said Saleh Mohammed Omari, a 60-year-old bus driver. "He is like our family."

In contrast, Hassan is widely

respected but seems to lack the king's ability to connect with the people.

"He's very smart," said Khaled Hammad, a 34-year-old switchboard operator in Amman, the capital. "We trust him, but we don't really feel like we know him."

HASSAN was only 5 when Hussein assumed the throne at the age of 16 in 1952, not long after his grandfather, King Abdullah, was assassinated.

The teen-age king took charge of his brother's upbringing and education, sending him to the British prep school Harrow and then on to Christ Church College at Oxford University, where Hassan received bachelor's and master's degrees in Oriental Studies.

Along the way, Hassan added fluency in English and French to his Arabic, and studied Hebrew, German and Turkish.

In 1965, Hussein amended the constitution to change the rules of succession, and on Hassan's 18th birthday he named the prince his heir, bypassing another brother, Mohammed.

The king also skipped over his own first two sons, who were considered ineligible for the throne because their mother, the second of Hussein's four wives, was British.

Hassan and Hussein share the same basic political views and hopes for their country. Both are moderates who favor a strong relationship with the US and are firmly committed to peace in the region.

In 1994, the kingdom became the second Arab country, after Egypt, to sign a peace treaty with Israel. And Hussein has held fast to the pact, despite opposition from many Jordanians and disappointment here that it has not produced the economic benefits that were expected.

Hassan also advocates liberalizing and reforming the struggling economy and continuing his brother's cautious steps toward democracy.

A man who arises before 6 a.m. and works regularly until midnight, Hassan is famously demanding of those around him.

"People tend to be on edge around him," said one former aide. "You want to be very careful not to display any sign of ignorance or he'll never let you forget it."

And when he invites staffers or relatives to join in his rigorous brands of exercise — polo, taekwondo or skipping rope — "everyone tends to disappear," the aide said.

The prince is a man of keen, searching intellect who has founded such groups as Jordan's Royal Scientific Society and the Arab Thought Forum, the latter a place for intellectuals and academics to meet policy-makers.

But he also can be playful, especially with his family.

Hassan, who is married to Pakistani-born Princess Sarvath, with whom he has four children, recently delighted his 2-year-old grandson — and surprised staff members — by putting the boy in the fountain outside his home, then jumping in with him.

(Los Angeles Times)

# John Hume: A clear, persistent voice of sanity

The Nobel Peace Prize winner from N. Ireland has replaced the doctrine "an eye for an eye" with a nonviolent tract of tolerance

By KELLY CANDIALE

Two weeks ago, one-half of the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Northern Irish politician John Hume. The Nobel committee stated that for the past 30 years, Hume had been the "clearest and most consistent" advocate of peace in Northern Ireland.

More than 3,200 people have lost their lives in Northern Ireland since the modern "troubles" began in the late 1960s. Thirty years ago, Hume, now leader of the largest nominally Catholic political party in Northern Ireland, the Social Democratic and Labour Party, threw himself into the struggle for Catholic civil rights. While the Irish Republican Army and leaders of Sinn Féin, its political wing, insisted the Protestant-dominated government of Northern Ireland could not be reformed peacefully, Hume steadfastly pressed a nonviolent approach to political change. Hume understood there would be no military victory for either the IRA or the British army.

In the mid-1970s, Hume suggested a power-sharing Northern Irish assembly; simultaneous democratic referendums on the peace deal in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic; and cross-border political structures linking north and south. All these proposals are now elements of the Good Friday Agreement, negotiated by former US Sen. George J. Mitchell and signed by most of Northern Ireland's major political parties in April.

While continuing to assert that Ireland ultimately should be reunited, Hume has maintained that the ultimate political status of Northern Ireland

should be changed only with the consent of the majority of its citizens.

Hume took a great risk in 1993, when he approached Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Féin. After their secret talks were revealed, Hume was vilified by most of the Protestant Unionist community and in the media. Major figures in his own party turned against him. His life was threatened. But his persistence paid off as Sinn Féin joined the talks on new political arrangements for Northern Ireland.

While Hume did not take a position in the new Northern Irish government, he continues to serve in both the British and European Parliaments. Patricia, his wife of 38 years, runs the Social Democrats' constituency office in Londonderry, or Derry, as many there still call it.

Hume shares this year's Nobel award with John Trimble, first minister of the Northern Irish Assembly and leader of the Ulster Unionist Party. From his European Parliament office in Strasbourg, France, Hume spoke about the changing nature of the nation-state, his relationship with Adams and his optimism about long-term peace in Northern Ireland.

**Q: Many people now look to Northern Ireland as an example of how seemingly intractable conflicts can be reconciled. What can people in other areas of conflict learn from Ireland?**

**A:** All conflict, when you study it, is about difference — whether it's your race, your religion or your nationality. And the answer to difference is not to fight about it but to respect it, because difference is an accident of birth.

In respecting difference, the best way

to do it in areas of conflict is to set up democratic institutions which respect our differences but allow us to work together with one another in our common interests. Those common interests are largely social and economic. We

have to spill our sweat and not our blood. This way you build the trust and break down the barriers of centuries which allows a new society to evolve based upon agreement and respect for difference. That's what we are now doing in Northern Ireland.

**Q: A number of commentators have pointed out that Martin Luther King Jr. was a great influence on you.**

**A:** In the 1960s, most young people in Europe were influenced by the civil rights movement in America and by President John F. Kennedy. I often quote King in my speeches, given that we are a divided people. The quote I use most often is one he took from Mahatma Gandhi: "The old doctrine of an eye for an eye leaves everybody blind." When you use violence in a divided society, the other side retaliates and you're into the doctrine of an eye for an eye.

**Q: You've focused on concrete issues**

in Northern Ireland like the right to jobs, fair housing and economic development, rather than the issue of a united Ireland, which has animated Sinn Féin and the Irish Republican Army. Why?



Hume

(AP)

**A:** My father once told me you can't eat a flag. If you cannot earn a living in the land of your birth and you have to go elsewhere to do so, then the land of your birth is not worth much to you. So the most important thing for people is that they have a decent standard of living, and therefore it's our duty to do everything we can to assure they've got it. And, of course, when they have that, it's a lot easier to deal with other problems. We are about to do that now in Northern Ireland.

**Q: You had secret talks with Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Féin, in 1993 about ending violence. What was it that gave you the sense that the IRA and Sinn Féin might be interested in an alternative political solution?**

**A:** I knew that Sinn Féin and the IRA believed in what they were doing and were a product of Irish history. I felt that the reasons they were giving for their actions were out of date. So I

asked them to state the reasons for their strategy. They said that the British were in Ireland defending their interests by force, and therefore the Irish had the right to use force to put them out. My reply was that, yes, in the past, Britain came into Ireland originally because of Ireland's links to European countries, but that was no longer true in today's Europe. Today's problem of a divided people was a legacy of that past, but that couldn't be solved by guns or bombs; it could only be made worse by deepening the division. That was the fundamental basis of the debate.

**Q: You were vilified in the Irish media and even criticized by members of your own party for meeting with Adams. Was that the most difficult time in your political career?**

**A:** It was a very difficult time because I did get a lot of abuse and a lot of criticism. While I'm a public representative, I'm also a human being. But I knew what I was doing and I knew why I was doing it, so I had no apologies to make to anyone. I knew from the beginning that Gerry Adams was engaged in totally genuine dialogue with me. If 20,000 British soldiers couldn't stop the killing on my streets, I thought if I could stop it, or save a single human life by direct dialogue, it was my duty to do so. I privately felt there was a real chance of succeeding, so I kept at it.

**Q: You have won this prize, but there is not a permanent peace in Northern Ireland. There are still many critical issues, including arms decommissioning, that could derail the process. How do you make this peace stick?**

**A:** I think we have got the foundations for lasting peace. I don't like the

comments of those who say we don't. Those comments ignore the fundamental and historic things that have happened in Ireland. For the first time in our history, the people of Ireland as a whole have voted together with an overwhelming majority for this agreement as the basis for lasting peace. So, anybody who seeks to overthrow that agreement seeks to overthrow democracy. The will of the people is strengthened by the Nobel award given to myself and John Trimble. I see the award not as an award to myself but to the people of Ireland.

**Q: You don't agree with Trimble that arms decommissioning should begin before Adams and other Sinn Féin representatives are admitted to the Executive Committee of the new government.**

**A:** I think it should be done parallel to the implementation of the rest of the agreement, as the agreement itself declares. This should be done to the satisfaction of all sections of the people, which includes people Mr. Trimble represents. One of the aspects of the Good Friday Agreement is total disarmament. All parties have to do everything in their power to bring about total disarmament.

**Q: You didn't take a leadership position in the new Northern Irish Assembly. Why?**

**A:** I'm a human being and there's a limited amount of work I can do. I'm a member of the European Parliament, and it's important that we play a steady role there. I'm also a member of the British Parliament, so I couldn't take on any more work.

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## Big can be beautiful

"Newsweek exaggerated," claims Formula Group CEO Danny Goldstein, named by the US magazine in its November 9 issue as the "Top Dog" of Israel's "Silicon Wadi." Goldstein was right that singling him out was somewhat arbitrary, but Newsweek was certainly on target in naming Tel Aviv as one of the top 10 high-tech centers in the world.

In a few short years, Israel's high-tech sector has arguably become the largest technology incubator outside of the United States. The number of start-up companies per capita is by far the largest, and approaches the number in the US in absolute terms. And judging by the Newsweek criteria and common sense, Israel is well situated to becoming even more prominent on the global high-tech map in the future.

The article cited six factors that typify the high-tech capitals of the world: a prominent success story, a major research institution, the quality of the work force, availability of venture capital, modern infrastructure, and a risk-taking attitude. Of these, only one does not apply to the Israeli experience - the model of a single, or small group, of major companies leading the way.

Silicon Valley, the prototype and envy of all high-tech centers, began around two foci: the company Hewlett-Packard and the proximity to Stanford University. In fact, the title of "Father of Silicon Valley" belongs to Frederick Terman, an engineering professor at Stanford who encouraged two of his students, William Hewlett and David Packard, to strike out on their own near the university, rather than take the standard route of joining an established company.

If there is a parallel in Israel to the role Stanford professors played in founding Silicon Valley, it is not so much in academia as in the military. Unlike Prof. Terman, the IDF had no intention of promoting industry through the transfer of technology. In fact, one of the greatest catalysts to the Israeli high-tech sector was completely inadvertent: the 1987 cancellation of the Lavi project. The end of the Israeli attempt to accomplish what no single European power could afford - the development of a modern fighter aircraft - ejected hundreds of top engineers from military employment into the private sector.

The lack of a single major company - such as Microsoft in Seattle, Washington, or Nokia in

Helsinki, Finland - to anchor the Israeli high-tech sector points to both the strength and weakness of the local technology scene. On one hand, Israelis have naturally gravitated toward high-risk, high-gain stakes and founded technology start-ups in droves, without relying upon the inspiration or assistance of larger companies. On the other hand, the lack of major multinational companies is a symptom of Israeli weaknesses: in management, marketing, and building for the long term.

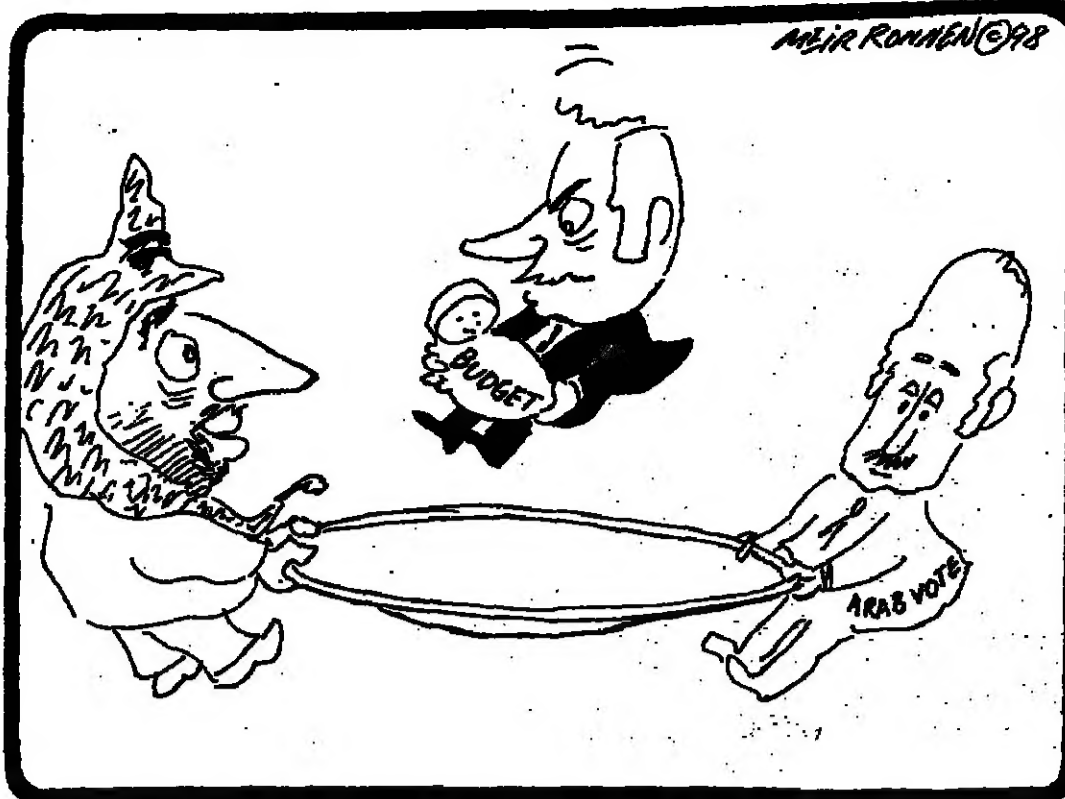
The Israeli dream of quickly developing the next major technology and selling the company for millions is the opposite of what it takes to create a major global company inside the country. It is a tribute to Israeli high-tech and a boon to the economy that Israel has become a feeding ground for major multinational corporations, but Israeli companies should not only aim to be sold, but to buy others.

Part of what may have impressed Newsweek about Formula is that it became the biggest (according to Dun and Bradstreet) high-tech company in Israel by acquiring dozens of small companies. It is impossible for companies to become global players, except in a very limited niche, without constantly absorbing new technologies both through development and expansion. There is nothing stopping Israeli companies from taking such a path, except the sell-out-quick state of mind.

Another challenge facing Israeli high-tech is one that is shared by almost every high-tech center: a shortage of skilled engineers and programmers. Israel was fortunate enough to have absorbed thousands of skilled immigrants from the former Soviet Union, but the high-tech sector is demanding more. Next week, Tel Aviv will host a promising step in addressing this shortage: a convention of 2,500 outstanding high school students from across the country, with the participation of the IDF chief of staff, the minister of education, and heads of high-tech companies.

In addition, however, greater efforts should be invested in retraining programs to help those who have lost jobs in unprofitable labor-intensive industries and are looking to find a place in the new, high-tech economy. In a start-up culture, small may be beautiful, but Israel must also learn to develop larger companies that can hold their own globally, and broaden the influence of the high-tech sector within the Israeli economy.

## OPINION



## The Pollard paradox

The Wye Memorandum didn't include the condition, usual in such agreements, stating that its implementation is subject to the approval of the cabinet or the Knesset.

At Camp David, a fierce argument broke out between Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat when the prime minister insisted that evacuating the Jewish settlements in eastern Sinai required the Knesset's approval. The Americans had to work hard to prevent a blow-up.

But at Wye, a date - November 2 - was designated as the date the agreement became effective, totally ignoring political realities in Israel. For this reason, the Americans now claim that it makes no difference when the cabinet approves the agreement.

The US president has more extensive powers than the Israeli prime minister, even with the change in the electoral system here. Even so, Clinton wasn't embarrassed to explain that his willingness to free Jonathan Pollard required approval by the relevant bodies. Clinton could ask Egyptian President Mubarak, the Israeli cabinet imprisoned in Egypt, but he wasn't free to implement his promise to the prime minister on Pollard without the endorsement of the CIA and the Defense and Justice departments. He wouldn't dare insult them, and when they expressed their opposition, he had no choice but to accept their objections.

This has created a paradoxical situation, in which Clinton signed a Memo of Agreement with Netanyahu containing a reference to "upgrading the framework of the US-Israeli strategic and military relationships, as well as the technological cooperation between them," while at the same time the American establishment is treating an Israeli agent who came to grief in the US as if he had been acting for a hostile country. He certainly had no right to pass on satellite pictures of the Iraqi atomic plant destroyed by IAF planes, but how did this harm US security?

And even as the US president

### MOSHE ZAK

again made a commitment to "enhancing Israel's defensive and deterrent capabilities," the CIA is trying to teach Pollard a lesson for sending Israel a document in which the intelligence agency came to the conclusion that once the number of settlers in Judea and Samaria reaches 100,000, the situation will be irreversible.

What damage did revealing this conclusion cause the US?

THIS bitter opposition to Pollard on the part of the American intelligence establishment goes against the spirit of the preamble of the Memo of Agreement, which refers to the "long-standing security relationship between the United States and Israel and the long-term commitment by the United States to the maintenance of Israel's qualitative edge."

How can one explain this opposition? Is it an attempt to make it clear to the Arabs that American intelligence is blocking leaks of intelligence material gathered in Arab countries, and preventing its communication to Israel? Some Washington officials think this must be proven explicitly, especially in the wake of the Wye Memorandum, which gave the CIA special status in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

But it is highly doubtful that proving the point at Pollard's expense will do anything to change Arab propaganda against the intelligence cooperation between Israel and the US. Proof of this came this week, when Iraq restricted the activity of the UN weapons inspectors, claiming that they were acting for the CIA and the Mossad.

It's possible that the security establishment's firm hand against Pollard is a result of an error which has often been heard since Pollard's trial: that a second Israeli agent was acting in parallel with Pollard and that they are trying to find him, partly by heavily pressuring Pollard.

No less surprising is the support for the security establishment's stance in the highest ranks of the Republican Party, many of whom are pro-Israel. It's not impossible that these Republicans accept the opinion of Pollard's accusers, after intelligence personnel again raised claims that before he began to spy for Israel, he and his wife Anne had tried to make deals with Saudi Arabia and Taiwan.

This would imply that Pollard was spying for profit, not love of Israel. It's true that allegations to this effect were made at the trial, but they were never verified.

There is no doubt that some of them are very angry that during the Republican administration, Israel denied all responsibility for Pollard, but during Clinton's administration Israel admitted that Pollard had been working for Israel.

Pollard is suffering. He wants to feel that he hasn't been forgotten by the country he endangered himself for.

But when we beat the drum and loudly demand his immediate release, we are unintentionally extending his term in prison. One doesn't talk too much about spying and freeing spies, so as not to raise opposition from any quarter.

Over 20 years ago, Yitzhak Rabin reached an agreement with Moscow to free a colonel in Russian intelligence who had been caught red-handed in Tel Aviv. In exchange, the Russians agreed to free Silva Zalmanson and another Jew who had been sentenced to death in Bulgaria on a charge of spying for the US. The condition for the deal was that it remain secret. The Israeli media agreed to Rabin's request not to say a word about the deal. If it had been publicized at the time, it would have fallen through.

The government should ignore the barbs and accusations that it is neglecting Pollard. It would do better to work quietly for his release, rather than causing his imprisonment to be extended as a result of unnecessary hullabaloo surrounding the efforts to release him.

## Swiss chill

WALTER RUSSELL MEAD

The latest international financial melodrama casts Swiss bankers against type, as the good guys.

Wearing their new shiny white hats, a posse of Swiss banking officials two weeks ago froze \$114.4 million in bank accounts linked to Raul Salinas de Gortari, brother of Mexico's former president, Carlos Salinas. After a three-year investigation, Swiss officials allege that the former first brother essentially controlled the vast Mexican cocaine-smuggling industry during his brother's six-year term of office.

Salinas, currently jailed in Mexico on charges of ordering the murder of his brother-in-law, politician Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, denies everything, but investigators in Switzerland and elsewhere claim they have clear and credible evidence linking him to drug trafficking. What many wonder, in Mexico and elsewhere, is how Raul could have been up to his eyeballs in drug smuggling without his brother's knowledge and connivance.

Cynics also have some questions about Switzerland's motives in bringing the charges. Deluged by bad publicity in the United States over its entanglements with Nazi Germany, Switzerland badly needed some good news fast. Taking on drug lords is one way to burnish a tarnished international reputation - and the Swiss aren't afraid of Mexican retaliation.

The only real moral justification for secret banking is that it protects innocent victims, like the German Jews, from tyrannical and confiscatory governments, like the Nazis.

But when Swiss banks used every trick in the book to avoid repaying Holocaust survivors and their heirs after the war, while fighting hard to protect the assets of Nazis, drug lords and various unsavory Third World dictators, a worldwide wave of moral revulsion forced the banks to rethink their approach.

### The lessons of secret banking

The Holocaust scandal eroded public trust in Swiss banks and bank secrecy laws, but it only accelerated a process already under way. To understand the erosion of Swiss banking secrecy, we have to go back to the end of Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos' regime in 1986. The People Power government of Corason Aquino, who replaced Marcos, did something that shocked the comfortable world of international banking: it sued the Marcos family to get back assets that the dictator had allegedly looted and demanded that Swiss banks freeze the Marcos accounts.

The Swiss subsequently outlawed the practice of money laundering, and, after a recent set of reforms, Swiss banks can no longer take "no questions asked" deposits of briefcases filled with \$100 bills.

It's taking all the fun out of dictatorship. No more stepping up to the telly with suitcases of cash looted from some UN development program; no more legal impunity for former heads of state; no secure retirements to palatial villas in the south of France.

The new sense of discipline and order in international banking has had a chilling effect. It is now clear that the Swiss banks, and indeed all offshore haven banks where nervous depositors could hide money either from tyrants or national income-tax authorities, must adjust to a new public mood. The world's people don't like bankers who act as allies of tyrants and drug lords, and the world's governments don't like seeing their citizens evade taxes with the connivance of unscrupulous bankers.

All this flies in the face of the conventional wisdom that financial globalization is undermining the power of national governments. The wealthy can hide their assets in the Cayman Islands or Switzerland, and drug kingpins and other bad guys can operate with impunity, and governments will be powerless to do anything about it.

Well, no. What the conventional wisdom misses is another trend: the growing effectiveness of international cooperation to police the global financial market. As governments wake up to the threat that unregulated secret banking poses to their ability to police their borders and tax their citizens, they are pressuring countries like Switzerland to adopt more transparent banking laws.

Who knows - dictators and drug lords may be reduced to hiding their cash under their mattresses.

(Los Angeles Times)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THE REAL WINNER

Sir, - In the aftermath of the signing at Wye Plantation, a heated debate continues to accelerate between supporters and detractors of the Oslo Accords, which initially launched the controversial "land for peace" concept.

Upon his return to Israel, Prime Minister Netanyahu, his newly appointed Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, and sundry government officials who witnessed the Wye signing, are now attempting to persuade the Knesset and the public that "this agreement is unlike all previous agreements, since we have US President Clinton's promise that it will be fully enforced."

In what is surely the classic example of "sending a fox to guard the chicken coop," not only did Netanyahu give up more Jewish land to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, but incredibly, he also entrusted the United States (a foreign government whose policies have consistently favored the Arabs) to be the guarantor in deciding whether Arafat will

honor his renewed promises to fight terror.

The true winner of the Wye charade, of course, is Bill Clinton, who, in no small measure, was resurrected after the Monica Lewinsky scandal by Prime Minister Netanyahu's obedient arrival in Washington which provided him with yet another White House photo opportunity and underscored his "statesmanship" with the American public.

As Arab terrorist attacks against Jews continue, bringing the number of murdered victims after the Oslo and Wye agreements to 318, these grim statistics unquestionably belie the so-called peace for which the Israeli government dangerously cedes parts of Eretz Yisrael, the land God promised to the Jewish people, in exchange for Munich-like promises that history has proven led to the Holocaust.

SHIFRA HOFFMAN  
Founder and President  
VAT International  
Jerusalem.

### ACKNOWLEDGE OUR DIFFERENCES

Sir, - The recent canonization by the Roman Catholic Church of Edith Stein demonstrates the completely different mind sets of people of different cultures.

Even the language used means different things to different people. I am sure that Catholics believe that they are making a great show of reconciling themselves to the Jewish people by honoring a Jew, while we, on the other hand, look on Edith Stein as a renegade who turned her back on her people, and her faith and spat in the faces of her parents and family.

Probably the greatest difficulty in this world particularly in these days of instant communication is the misunderstanding between the peoples of different cultures.

Jews do not understand the Arabs, and the Arabs do not understand the Jews. Even Jews of different cultures do not always understand each other (ask Uri Ori).

It is difficult to know how this may be resolved except for all of us to acknowledge our differences and try to understand the other. Although this presents its own problems - if everybody understood every one else and respected the other person's point of view nothing would ever get done.

ZEPHANIAH KAHALANI  
Jerusalem.

JACK BARETTI  
Jerusalem.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On November 4, 1948, The Palestine Post reported that white flags were flying in southern Lebanon, but the Israeli Army announced that Israel had no intention to cross the international border.

Egyptian troops trying to break out of the Iraq Suez pocket were beaten back by the Israeli Army.

In London Mr. Bevin told

Parliament that the Haifa refinery was undamaged, but that there were "many difficulties" of resuming the flow of oil to Palestine.

25 years ago: On November 4, 1973, The Jerusalem Post reported that Israeli and Egyptian forces exchanged artillery, mortar and small-arms fire and prevented the Egyptian bid to lay a small infantry bridge across the Suez

Canal waterway. In Washington Premier Golda Meir met Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to resolve US-Israeli differences over the cease-fire and submitted a "shopping list" for over \$1,000m. in military equipment, beyond the \$850m. already shipped and committed as part of the US resupply effort.

Alexander Zvielli.

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# Good marriages – and bad

Two American experts in couple and family relationships visited here recently and talked to **Allison Kaplan Sommer** about what makes successful families tick, and how the rough spots can be made smoother



Pledging eternal love on the beach before tying the knot: Will their inevitable conflicts strengthen or doom the relationship? (Shapira)

Young Jonathan has been getting into fights in school. His mother, Sarah, sits down with him and tells him he should work out his conflicts with words, not fists. Jonathan's father, William, later takes her aside and accuses her of babying him, saying that he has to learn to stand up for himself and "be a man."

The discussion turns into a fight. According to professors Carolyn Pape Cowan and Philip Cowan, experts in couple and family relationships, the conflict itself does not mean the couple's marriage is in trouble.

"The fact that this couple is not communicating well is not a sign of dysfunction in a family – it is the norm," Cowan says.

According to the psychologists, who are married to each other and recently visited here from the University of California at Berkeley, fighting is natural. It is the way in which a couple fights that indicates whether they will be a success as a couple in the long term.

As keynote speakers at a daylong conference on "Clinical and Theoretical Aspects in Research of Marital Relationships," at Bar-Ilan University's Peleg-Billig Center for the Study of Family Well-Being, the Cowans outlined their observations of families over their more than three decades of research, including two major long-term studies.

All this was aimed at figuring out, in Philip Cowan's words, "exactly what works and what doesn't work" when it comes to keeping a couple united and their family happy.

THE Cowans admit that the inspiration for their exploration of this niche of psychology came from their own experiences and those of their friends.

Living and raising their three children in Northern California in the 1960s, "Once our kids were out of diapers and we were able to catch our breath, we found that we had lost track of our relationship as a couple," says Carolyn Cowan.

"And divorce was happening around us as well – nobody had expected the families living around us to unravel in the numbers that they did."

To the couple's surprise, they found there had been no research conducted on precisely which factors were important in maintaining a family, and on whether particular forms of "intervention" at various points in couples' lives could make a difference.

Most research, Philip Cowan says, focused solely on marriages and families who were in trouble and had come for therapy of their own volition. But without comparing these families to successful, happy families, there was no way of distinguishing why some couples make it and others do not.

"We have found that if we want to predict what happens to a couple over time, we need to incorporate both observation and self-reporting, include a group that is large and

diverse, and watch them as they move through time, as they change and grow as they raise a family. And it was important not just to study couples that were in trouble."

ABOUT William and Sarah, arguing over his or her son's behavior in school, Cowan points to four major clues to whether their marriage is likely to be at risk.

"The first is criticism of the partner and his or her motivations, the second is contempt, expressed either in words or in looks, like sneering or curling of the upper lip.

"The third sign is defensiveness, and the fourth – a real sign of trouble – is stonewalling; for example, if the woman is being very emotional but the man is stone-faced, not letting his emotions show and giving her no feedback, even though underneath he is seething with emotion."

Another danger sign is "negative reciprocity," in which the negative feelings and comments escalate and spiral out of control, with neither partner capable of putting a stop to it.

Essentially, the Cowans say, all marriages are cross-cultural, since concepts of proper behavior within a family differ from household to household. In some families, yelling and showing emotion is the norm, while in others, it never takes place.

A sign that trouble may be ahead for a couple is when one or both members – particularly the man – has a conflict-ridden or unresolved relationship with his or her own parents.

The Cowans have spent the past

20 years on two long-term studies involving more than 200 couples.

The first group was recruited in 1980, when the wives were six to seven months pregnant with their first child, and the second was brought together in 1990, when their children were entering elementary school.

They focused on these transitional periods, since it was clear that the

We also wanted to see if building a support system would help," she says.

In both studies, the Cowans offered a random number of the parents the opportunity to take part in a couple's group, which would meet weekly during the transition, give them support and allow them to talk through their problems with professional guidance.

"Every couple takes labor and delivery classes to get ready for the big day the baby is born – then for the next 20 years, you're on your own," Carolyn Cowan says, laughing. "So this was a unique opportunity."

NONE of their observations of the young parents were particularly shocking to those familiar with modern marriages.

"The transition to parenthood is particularly hard. By the end of the baby's first year, both men and women feel that everything in their lives has changed – and usually not for the better."

"Self-esteem has gone down, there is an increase in depression and decrease in marital satisfaction. In their relationship as a couple, there is often a dramatic shift. The wife is doing more housework than she did before and the majority of the child care."

"The No. 1 issue of arguments within the home during this time is the division of family labor. We knew this would be an issue, but we had no idea just how central it would be."

It is clear, the Cowans say, that families over the past few decades are suffering the effects of incon-

sistent social changes.

With the women's movement and economic factors taking their toll, more mothers are working – but behavior within the home, and society's expectations of men, have not adjusted to this reality.

"We found that many men wanted to be more involved with their children than their fathers had been, but did not know how to do this, especially with nothing in their jobs supporting them. Interestingly, we found that when a father would leave work in the afternoon or evening to help with his children, he would lie about it at work and say that he was going to a meeting or a business lunch," says Carolyn Cowan.

Their studies are still in progress; the Cowans are continuing to observe the families, and will doubtless come to additional conclusions as the parents head into middle age and the children grow up and leave home.

But they have already found that counseling and support in the form of the weekly couples groups, helped the couples get through the rocky early years.

"We found that within these couples, marital satisfaction did not go down as significantly as those without support," Philip Cowan says. "At this difficult time, week after week, they had a place to talk, to compare notes with others, and place less blame on their partners."

"At a time in life when many couples are too busy to finish their sentences when they speak to each other, these couples were able to have real conversations in the context of the group."

**Fighting about the kids is natural. It is the way a couple fights that indicates whether they will succeed as a couple in the long term**

process of becoming parents and raising young children was the most vulnerable time for a marriage, yet at the time there had been no examination of the effect children had on a marriage, and "very little help for ordinary couples," says Carolyn Cowan.

"We wanted to study a random group of parents, not ones who were necessarily having trouble, and watch how they adjusted through these major life changes."

## Helping an angry child run his life instead of running away



By Ruth Mason

Recently our seven-year-old grandson (who has a twin sister) has been going out the door and running away whenever he gets angry or doesn't get his own way. He also does this at home with his parents. He is off before we realize it, and in any case is too big and heavy to be held back by force.

Rational discussion of the problem gets nowhere with him. We cannot convince him that this behavior is no solution, and it would be better if he told us what he is angry about. We often have no idea.

This habit is very worrying because of the dangers of traffic, undesirable meetings, even over-exposure to the sun. We do not react with anger and try to reason with him calmly, but to no avail. In general, we have a very good and loving relationship with our grandson, but at such times he shuts us out completely.

What do you advise?

Alan F. Flashman, pediatrician and child psychiatrist, replies:

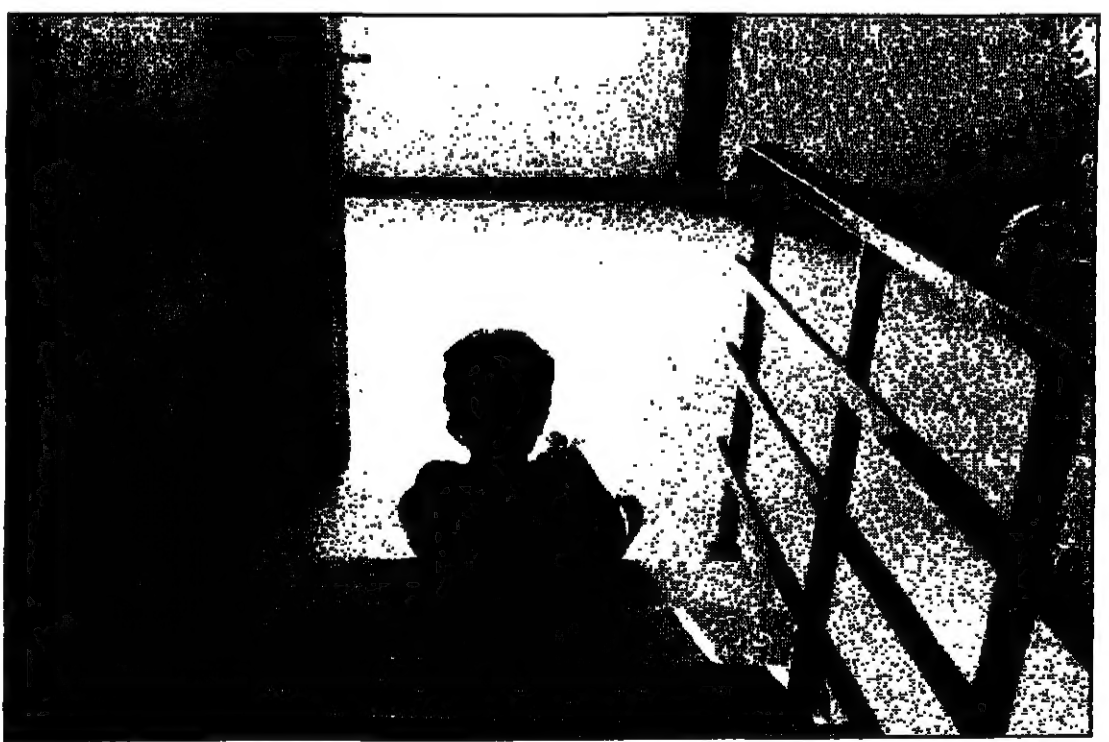
grandson runs out because he can't control his anger, and not as part of a power struggle with you. He feels baffled because the intensity of his anger overwhelms him. He does not know why this happens, and you can be sure he is troubled by it even more than the adults in his family.

Being emotionally swamped is no picnic; the child is not acting against you or anyone else, but despite himself.

The goal is to restore to him the feeling that he is the master of his inner world, including his emotions, that he is bigger than his anger and can contain it, rather than the other way around. Children do not resist being made more "boss" over themselves.

Here are several ways to approach this:

1. Signals. The boy agrees to, say, blow a whistle or shout, stamp his feet in a special way, beat his breast like Tarzan or issue a particular yell when he feels he is about to run out. Then an agreed-upon cooling off takes place, which does not include talking at that moment.
2. Replacements. Either after the signal or without it, replacements for letting off steam can be useful. These can include more aggressive behaviors like hitting a doll or a pillow, or something interactive like staged, controlled screaming (he lets out a muffled scream, then you do the same) and/or dancing alone or together with his elders. (Possible scenes could be taken from Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* – humor never hurts here.)
3. Change of venue. The boy plans – with you – a different direction for his running. For example, he can plan to run to the refrigerator or to a particular corner. The running itself can be encouraged and even relabeled as a sign of strength and vigor, which it indeed becomes so long as the boy feels he is master over it.
4. Charms. Many children will make use of physical reminders.



The goal is to help him feel he is 'boss' of his own emotions. (Israel Talby)

For example, the child can be helped to rely on special marbles or a necklace or other small toy such as a model lion, that magically restores his control over himself.

5. Rewards. A child who reports that he felt like running but found a way not to is rewarded on the spot. It is well worth being "conned" a little here. Sometimes the whole program consists of the child "surprising" everyone by changing without the need for the program.

You have probably noticed that this sort of approach is modular. You can combine the pieces to customize a program worth trying and, hopefully, worth improving until it becomes superfluous.

There are four principles in putting the program together:

1. Default. Children have trouble with too many choices. You can

present the program you have in mind as an idea that can be improved upon by him, or accepted as is.

2. Joint assessment. Evaluate the plan with your grandson every week or two. If the results do not prove themselves, don't blame the child. Just alter the program. It remains the adults' responsibility to put a plan together.
3. Reward. Reward progress in a way that is meaningful and pleasurable to your grandson. And help him realize that his own improved feeling of balance and control is a reward in its own right.
4. Meaning business. The boy needs to understand that he can have a say only about which plan to try, not if anything at all will be done.

Ultimately, children bring themselves up. The role of adults is to help them do so. We do this best

when we add from the outside what is temporarily missing inside the child, while respecting the child's side of the partnership.

Not every child or family will get results with the program described. Some children inherit a disposition to become too easily or too deeply overwhelmed to be able to make use of such plans. Such children may suffer from a form of anxiety disorder.

Parents could try an herb called St. John's wort (or hypericum) to see if the child becomes more tractable and amenable to interactive work. Details are on the Internet at [www.hypericum.com](http://www.hypericum.com).

A glitch is that the Health Ministry makes this solution available in Israel only by personal import at this time. An alternative would be professional help, perhaps involving medication of the Prozac type, at least temporarily.



## Trivial thinking



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

Trivia Plus, a CD-ROM in Hebrew by NSE Software, marketed by Bug Multisystem, requires Windows 95, for the whole family, NIS 99

Rating: ★★★ 1/2 ☆

There are two kinds of people in this world: those who love collecting odd bits of information and filling them away in their brains for when they might come in handy, and those who think trivia are a waste of time.

Younger members of the first group will probably enjoy this disk, especially the Trivia and Mishbatz-Ot section that tests knowledge in 18 fields.

The Trivia section asks a total of 2,100 questions about geography, Bible, Judaism, TV, history, movies, plays, books, aphorisms and word definitions, nature and other subjects. You may play against the computer or against a human competitor, answering questions as time runs out to a musical background.

The questions are generally suited to Israeli teenagers and the average adult, but most will fail to challenge very knowledgeable adults who collect facts as if they were stamps or postcards.

For example, name the capital of Saudi Arabia (Riyadh); the author of the book *Summer of Avia* (Gila Almagor); the location of the Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco); the percentage of nitrogen in the air (78%); the autobiographical book written by Menachem Begin (*White Nights*), and the person who stole from the rich and gave to the poor (Robin Hood).

Going through hundreds of the questions, I caught at least one error: Cinderella was the answer given to the question: "In what story did they search for the owner of a golden shoe?" It was, of course, a glass slipper.

The player is presented with three broad categories worth 100, 200 or 300 points; click on the category and get a multiple-choice question. If you answer correctly by clicking on the correct box, you're rewarded with points – but if you err, the points are deducted and you get the noise of a bleating goat or something more embarrassing, like that emitted when you sit on a whoopee cushion.

After each try, a sentence appears giving background on the correct answer. When you reach 5,000 points, the happy player is rewarded by the sound of a choir singing *Hallelujah*.

Mishbatz-Ot is an enjoyable section based on 2,100 Hebrew expressions. There are blanks that have to be filled in by clicking the mouse or pressing the keys on the keyboard. A roulette wheel decides at random how many points you get for each letter, but fate may bring you a bomb, which reduces your total by 200 points; a good-news symbol that gives you a 200-point bonus, or a skull that wipes out your points completely.

If you want a hint, it'll cost you points: The hint describes the word or phrase in a sentence.

Lingo is a word game that presents five blank spaces in 10 different lines. Starting with the first line, you try to fill in the correct word (from a database of 1,000) chosen by the program. Click to get it marked: If any of the letters are present in the chosen word, you will be told.

By trial and error, given a maximum of 10 tries, you figure out the correct location of the five letters that make up the word, earning more points the faster you accomplish it.

This educational program, which will keep you or your kids busy on a rainy afternoon, doesn't have to be installed on your hard disk to play – and the cheap price is welcome.

Hanukkah Activity Center, a CD-ROM in English (with some Hebrew text), by the Davka Corporation, marketed by the company's representative in Israel (02-9992936), for Windows 3.1 and above, meant for children, NIS 129

Rating: ★★★★★

Nearly everything is virtual nowadays, and with this program you can "light" Hanukkah candles on your computer screen, play dreidel (spinning top) by clicking a mouse instead of spinning a top and sing along with a jukebox playing holiday songs.

This CD-ROM is meant primarily for (non-Orthodox) Diaspora audiences; proof is that the Hanukkah top has the letter *shin* (for *sham*, referring to the fact that, from a Diaspora audience, the miracle occurred "there" in Israel, rather than using *peh* for *po* ("here").

English-speaking Israeli children may be amused, but even the secular youngsters among them will probably know much more about Hanukkah than the disk explains; religious children in the Diaspora will not need to be given a lesson in reciting the blessings over the candles or in how to light the hanukkiya (called *menora* in the disk).

The jukebox offers eight "golden oldies," from "Maoz Tzur" and "Hanerot Halalu" to "I Have A Little Dreidel" and "Oh, Hanukkah." Clicking on the titles presents the tune and written text, either in Hebrew, an English translation or the Hebrew transliteration into English.

It would have been much better to have the lyrics sung, or at least to highlight the musical note or word being sung so the text could be followed. The songs are presented in both traditional and jazzy versions.

A coloring program offers 10 simple, holiday-related drawings with a choice of 16 colors, and the finished pictures can be printed out.

If you don't know the three blessings on the candles (*Shehechyanu* on the first day only), click on them – to hear either the Ashkenazi (American-accented) or Sephardi (Israeli-accented) pronunciations.

After reading a short explanation of the candle-lighting ceremony, you'll be quizzed. Click the *shamash* in the middle of the candleholder first, and then the chosen night's candle, followed by the rest of them to its right.

The 44 Candles game can be played against the computer or up to three competitors; click the mouse to spin the dreidel for points, and the aim is to end up with exactly 44 (equal to the number of candles lit during the eight-day holiday).

There's a conventional memory game, requiring the user to match six pairs of face-down pictures. You can also play dreidel in any of three versions by clicking the mouse, but the computer decides how it falls, so there isn't much challenge – except in the version that lets you bet coins on which of the four letters it will fall.

A quiz, with only eight possible answers – Antiochus, dreidel, Hanukkah, Hillel, potato latkes, doughnuts and so on – tests elementary knowledge about the holiday: Those earning 0 to 300 points are told to "eat a latke and keep trying" while those garnering 300 to 400 are crowned "Hanukkah maven."

I was rather taken aback by the "Nes-Scape" section that looks like an Internet browser. When I clicked on a button, the computer seemed to be dialing a 1-800 number somewhere in America. To my relief, it wasn't sending an overseas call over the modem, but just making believe.

The section provides information on how the Jews defeated the Syrian-Greeks, Hanukkah customs, facts and figures, and a list of four Hanukkah-related sites on the real World Wide Web.

Diaspora kids may enjoy the program, but the holiday deserves a greater investment of imagination and money, such as CD-JEMM's excellent disk on Pessah, for a deeper and more eye-catching lesson on a holiday.

After all, it isn't easy for Hanukkah to "compete" with Christmas among Diaspora youngsters threatened by assimilation.

THE Cowans admit that the inspiration for their exploration of this niche of psychology came from their own experiences and those of their friends.

Living and raising their three children in Northern California in the 1960s, "Once our kids were out of diapers and we were able to catch our breath, we found that we had lost track of our relationship as a couple," says Carolyn Cowan.

"And divorce was happening around us as well – nobody had expected the families living around us to unravel in the numbers that they did."

To the couple's surprise, they found there had been no research conducted on precisely which factors were important in maintaining a family, and on whether particular forms of "intervention" at various points in couples' lives could make a difference.

Most research, Philip Cowan says, focused solely on marriages and families who were in trouble and had come for therapy of their own volition. But without comparing these families to successful, happy families, there was no way of distinguishing why some couples make it and others do not.

"We have found that if we want to predict what happens to a couple over time, we need to incorporate both observation and self-reporting, include a group that is large and

diverse, and watch them as they move through time, as they change and grow as they raise a family. And it was important not just to study couples that were in trouble."

ABOUT William and Sarah, arguing over his or her son's behavior in school, Cowan points to four major clues to whether their marriage is likely to be at risk.

"The first is criticism of the partner and his or her motivations, the second is contempt, expressed either in words or in looks, like sneering or curling of the upper lip.

"The third sign is defensiveness, and the fourth – a real sign of trouble – is stonewalling; for example, if the woman is being very emotional but the man is stone-faced, not letting his emotions show and giving her no feedback, even though underneath he is seething with emotion."

Another danger sign is "negative reciprocity," in which the negative feelings and comments escalate and spiral out of control, with neither partner capable of putting a stop to it.

Essentially, the Cowans say, all marriages are cross-cultural, since concepts of proper behavior within a family differ from household to household. In some families, yelling and showing emotion is the norm, while in others, it never takes place.

A sign that trouble may be ahead for a couple is when one or both members – particularly the man – has a conflict-ridden or unresolved relationship with his or her own parents.

The Cowans have spent the past

process of becoming parents and raising young children was the most vulnerable time for a marriage, yet at the time there had been no examination of the effect children had on a marriage, and "very little help for ordinary couples," says Carolyn Cowan.

"We wanted to study a random group of parents, not ones who were necessarily having trouble, and watch how they adjusted through these major life changes."



By Ruth Mason

Recently our seven-year-old grandson (who has a twin sister) has been going out the door and running away whenever he gets angry or doesn't get his own way. He also does this at home with his parents. He is off before we realize it, and in any case is too big and heavy to be held back by force.

Rational discussion of the problem gets nowhere with him. We cannot convince him that this behavior is no solution, and it would be better if he told us what he is angry about. We often have no idea.

This habit is very worrying because of the dangers of traffic, undesirable meetings, even over-exposure to the sun. We do not react with anger and try to reason with him calmly, but to no avail. In general, we have a very good and loving relationship with our grandson, but at such times he shuts us out completely.

What do you advise?

Alan F. Flashman, pediatrician and child psychiatrist, replies:

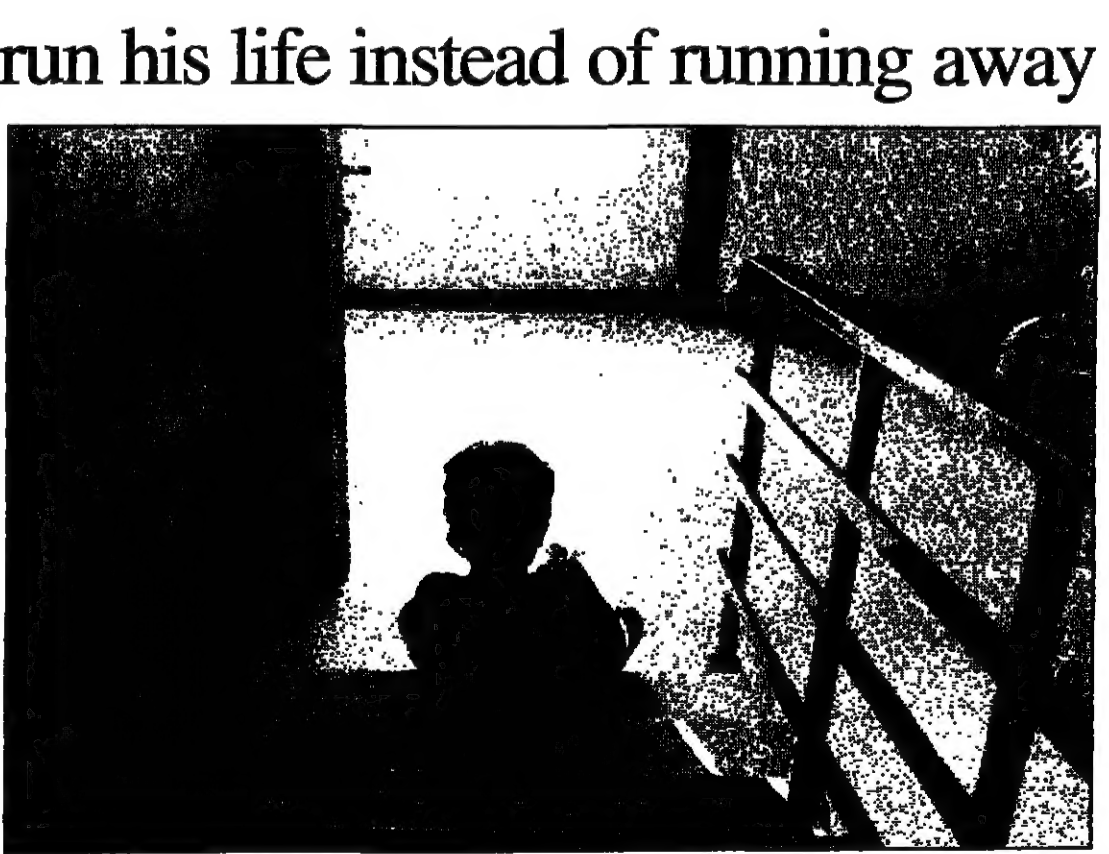
grandson runs out because he can't control his anger, and not as part of a power struggle with you. He feels baffled because the intensity of his anger overwhelms him. He does not know why this happens, and you can be sure he is troubled by it even more than the adults in his family.

Being emotionally swamped is no picnic; the child is not acting against you or anyone else, but despite himself.

The goal is to restore to him the feeling that he is the master of his inner world, including his emotions, that he is bigger than his anger and can contain it, rather than the other way around. Children do not resist being made more "boss" over themselves.

Here are several ways to approach this:

1. Signals. The boy agrees to, say, blow a whistle or shout, stamp his feet in a special way, beat his breast like Tarzan or issue a particular yell when he feels he is about to run out. Then an agreed-upon cooling off takes place, which does not include talking at that moment.
2. Replacements. Either after the signal or without it, replacements for letting off steam can be useful. These can include more aggressive behaviors like hitting a doll or a pillow, or something interactive like staged, controlled screaming (he lets out a muffled scream, then you do the same) and/or dancing alone or together with his elders. (Possible scenes could be taken from Maurice Sendak's *Where the Wild Things Are* – humor never hurts here.)
3. Change of venue. The boy plans – with you – a different direction for his running. For example, he can plan to run to the refrigerator or to a particular corner. The running itself can be encouraged and even relabeled as a sign of strength and vigor, which it indeed becomes so long as the boy feels he is master over it.
4. Charms. Many children will make use of physical reminders.



The goal is to help him feel he is 'boss' of his own emotions. (Israel Talby)

For example, the child can be helped to rely on special marbles or a necklace or other small toy such as a model lion, that magically restores his control over himself.

2. Joint assessment. Evaluate the plan with your grandson every week or two. If the results do not prove themselves, don't blame the child. Just alter the program. It remains the adults' responsibility to put a plan together.
3. Reward. Reward progress in a way that is meaningful and pleasurable to your grandson. And help him realize that his own improved feeling of balance and control is a reward in its own right.
4. Meaning business. The boy needs to understand that he can have a say only about which plan to try, not if anything at all will be done.

Ultimately, children bring themselves up. The role of adults is to help them do so. We do this best

when we add from the outside what is temporarily missing inside the child, while respecting the child's side of the partnership.

Not every child or family will get results with the program described. Some children inherit a disposition to become too easily or too deeply overwhelmed to be able to make use of such plans. Such children may suffer from a form of anxiety disorder.

Parents could try an herb called St. John's wort (or hypericum) to see if the child becomes more tractable and amenable to interactive work. Details are on the Internet at [www.hypericum.com](http://www.hypericum.com).

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## Corner



By Batsheva Mink

Even a modest beginner can achieve wonders with popular bulbs that flower in the spring. Just pop them in the ground come autumn and you can be sure that – as long as they have received enough water – you will be rewarded with flowers in the spring.

The only problem is that, quite often, we remember only too late to start planting the bulbs – our memory jolted by an unusual flower seen in someone else's garden.

One reason we are caught napping is that the nurseries receive the first shipments of bulbs at the end of September and beginning of October, when summer is still with us and our gardens are still flowering.

Now that you've been prodded, however, this year would be a good time to introduce a real showstopper into your garden – garden ranunculus. The wild Asian buttercup (*Ranunculus asiaticus*) is like the child that left home and returned hardly recognizable – economically successful and improved in every aspect.

The genus *Ranunculus* (Heb. *nurit*) belongs to the same family as delphinium, anemone and clematis, namely the buttercup family or the *Ranunculaceae*. It is a genus of about 400 species, all of which grow mainly in the northern hemisphere. Its name is derived from the Latin word *rana* or frog, which denotes a liking for wet ground.

The wild Asian buttercup, which grows in many parts of the Middle East and Turkey, including Israel, has claw-like tuberos roots that act as storage organs when the plants go dormant in summer. In Israel, the plants have red and orange flowers and are often mistaken for poppies.

Records show the plants reached France during the 13th century during the reign of Louis IX, and were grown in the garden of his mother, Blanche of Castile.

The Vizier Care Mustapha started the domestication of the plant near Constantinople, bringing it to the attention of the sultan, who then sent emissaries to explore and collect the plant in the Middle East.

There is no mention of the plant in England until the mid-16th century.

During the 18th century however, the garden ranunculus became popular as a cut flower in two main forms – the turban and the

# Plant bulbs early for 'spring buttercups'



Locally bred and exquisite: (Left) orange and (below) white Heftziba; flourishing in all their double-flowered glory at the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens (right)

Persian, the latter being descended from the dark-red *R. sanguineus* which have larger flowers and are taller than their wild cousins.

The plants were not tolerant of frost, however, and required protection during the early part of the year, so they never attracted much interest from home gardeners. They were only suitable in gardens that enjoyed mild winters.

By 1792, there were over 800 varieties listed, since the seed never produced two flowers alike. These plants were propagated vegetatively and suddenly there was a craze for the ranunculus plants that began changing hands at very high prices.

FOR the past 30 years, Dr. Ora Horowitz at the Hebrew University has developed hybrid strains of the plant by crossing Israeli wild plants with the De Caen type. These varieties – with magnificent large goblet-shaped blooms in different colors – are used for local cut-flower export during the winter months. The commercial varieties, however, have been bred to produce larger double flowers

growing 30-50 cm. high.

Now these plants are available to the home gardener. Among ranunculus varieties grown in Israel is the vigorous Aviv with semi-double flowers, a double-flowered French introduction, Friandine, and the locally bred double-flowered exquisite Heftziba. The latter resembles pompoms with brilliant red, golden, pink, white or purple flowers. They are an excellent choice as long-lasting cut flowers for the home.

**How to grow the ranunculus:**  
**Position:** An open sunny situation suits them best.

**Soil preparation:** The plants prefer a well-drained soil to which organic matter has been added. They grow very well in pots and boxes, provided they are fed regularly.

**Planting:** The claw-like tubers should be planted with the claws pointing downwards with the bud at the top. Plant 4 cms deep and 15-20 cms apart. October and November is the best time to plant the tubers or claws.

**Care:** When growth is seen,

make sure the plants are kept free of weeds. Keep them well watered.

**Feeding:** As soon as the flower stalks appear, feed once a week with diluted liquid seaweed or any other all-purpose fertilizer. This will encourage the flower stems to grow sturdy and help to build up the tubers for next year's flowers.

**End-of-season care:** After flowering, the leaves will start to die and turn yellow. This is the time to lift them. Store in a paper bag with some dry peat moss. But if the area where they are growing is not irrigated in the summer, they can be left in the ground. If watered when dormant, there is a tendency for them to rot.

**Propagation:** The tuber clusters can be separated and stored at lifting time. Plants can also be raised from seeds which should flower seven months from sowing. Sow the seeds in the autumn for flowering the following spring. These may not immediately produce as many flowers as tubers, but in the second year they will flower much more profusely.

**Pests and Diseases:** They are

prone to powdery mildew, so dust with sulfur or use a ready-made fungicide spray. Leaf miner can also be a problem, leaving railway-like lines on the leaves.

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## TIP OF THE WEEK

Before cutting your flowers make sure that they show color, that their petals are loose and their buds soft. If they are picked too early all the buds may open and there is a risk of the stems bending. If you use a cut-flower preservative (available in florist shops), ranunculus flowers can last from one to two weeks.



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## Heads 'N' Tails



By D'vora Ben Shaul

It's a sad fact, but nonetheless true. Our animal companions do not have as long a lifespan as humans, and they grow old sooner. Dogs may live up to 18 years and cats until age 20.

There are exceptions – I had a cat who died peacefully at 24, and once knew a 20-year-old Cana'ani dog in Yavne that was still trotting along beside his 80-year-old owner, whose cart was pulled by a 30-year-old horse.

But, by and large, animals don't live that long. Please – don't start multiplying their years by seven to equate them with human age.

As animals grow old, the signs are much the same as those of their aging human companions. They slow down. They have dental problems. Their joints lose flexibility and they suffer from many of the same ailments we do.

An aging animal should be seen by a competent veterinarian at least once a year, and preferably twice. There may be teeth that should be extracted, but don't worry about this. Dogs don't chew much except for the pleasurable bone – they tend to gulp down their food, and if meat is cut into bite-sized portions and kibble is softened with milk or soup they will have no problems. Cats will do best with chopped meat and fish and softened kibble. Your pet may benefit from a special diet for older animals. Consult your veterinarian.

Creaking joints and loss of power in the hind legs are also common. The dog may no longer be able to jump up and occupy its favorite place. There are good medical answers to this problem too.

Old dogs, males that is, often have problems with constipation. The veterinarian will check for enlarged anal glands or a swollen prostate, and may prescribe a special diet. Old tom cats, especially

## When your pet becomes a 'senior citizen'



neutered toms, may have urinary calculi (kidney or bladder stones). These too can be treated.

Remember that old females, both dogs and cats, do not usually exhibit any signs of menopause and can get pregnant in old age. This is not good. If the animal is not spayed, then keep her indoors or continue her hormone injections, even when you might think

that she is too old to come into estrus.

Sometimes eyesight fails, and it is surprising just how little your dog depends on sight for its orientation.

I had a 19-year-old German shepherd bitch that went totally blind at 16, but managed very well. Hearing and smell are far more important. Cats use their sight

more than dogs, but still seem quite able to function when blind.

The main thing is to make your elderly animal's life comfortable with good veterinary care, a proper diet, cool places to rest in the summer and a warm place in winter. But most important of all is to continue the care and affection that the animal is used to and has come to expect.



# Chauffeurs shed light on Rabin

By BARRY DAVIS

Last week, Shahar Segal's *A Prime Minister's Diary* (airing on Channel 2 tonight at 10:20) won the 1998 Israeli Movie Academy award for Best Documentary. While valuable as a compilation of personal recollections spanning the last month or so of late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's life, the documentary adds little in terms of entertainment value and interest to the reams of articles and hours of programs already devoted to the events leading up to the tragedy.

The most intrinsic importance of *A Prime Minister's Diary* derives from the caliber of the interviewees who provide their singular versions of the events which took place in October and early November 1995, as well as their feelings for Yitzhak Rabin, the man. Much of the line-up is predictable, ranging from Leah Rabin and Shimon Peres, the former director of Rabin's office, to Shimon Peres and Rabin's two chauffeurs, Yehzekel Sharabi and Menahem Damti.

One surprising feature of the documentary is that some of the character witnesses criticize certain aspects of Rabin's professional deportment. Eitan Haber, Rabin's bureau chief, says that the leader's most serious oversight was failing to realize the importance of selling his political credo to those opposed to the Oslo Agreement. The late prime minister, Haber explains, did not understand that historic trips to Oman and Qatar did not make a favorable impression on West Bank settlers who feared for their homes.

The documentary covers all the portentous signs en route to the tragic culmination on November 4, 1995.

Rabin's military advisor, Danny Yatom, relates how the late prime minister was visibly shaken when a bereaved father hurled abuse at Rabin during a memorial service at the Mt. Herzl Military Cemetery. Former GSS head Carmi Gillon recalls how Rabin gave him a dressing down after a stormy meeting with settler leaders that was held only a few days before the assassination at Gillon's strong recommendation.

Not all the interviewees have the same angle on the events. While leading political journalist Amnon

Abramowitz is of the opinion that Rabin was distressed by his reliance on MK Alex Goldfarb's vote to get the Oslo Agreement through the Knesset, the then-foreign minister Peres didn't think Rabin was bothered by it at all.

Meanwhile, it appears that even TV coverage of the pre-assassination events saw the same events in a different light. While Channel 1's reporter termed a right-wing anti-Rabin demonstration in Jerusalem's Zion Square as "relatively restrained," Channel 2's reporter closed her coverage of the assembly by holding aloft a copy of the infamous montage of Rabin in a Nazi uniform.

Despite the seriousness of the subject matter, the documentary is not entirely devoid of humorous anecdotes. MK Goldfarb relates how he was constantly hounded by all the political factions prior to the Oslo Agreement vote in Knesset. "I couldn't even go to the toilet alone," he recalls with a wry smile.

Leah Rabin, too, piches in with a modicum of comic relief when she talks of her late husband's affection for King Hussein of Jordan and how much he enjoyed meeting the king at their clandestine pre-peace accord tete-a-tetes. "Nothing ever came of the meetings, but he had a good time," says Leah joyfully.

Perhaps understandably, the most emotive and least restrained testimonials are provided by Rabin's chauffeurs. Unlike their fellow interviewees who were trained in the ways of diplomatic etiquette, Sharabi and Damti express their feelings without concern for the gift wrapping.

Some of the archival footage is devoted to that unforgettable handshake on the White House lawn, when a reluctant Rabin was forced to overcome his obvious distaste for Yasser Arafat and shake the hand proffered him in full view of TV cameras from dozens of countries around the globe.

"It was hard to see him [Rabin] shake that hand, because I knew how he felt inside," states a tearful Sharabi.

All in all, *A Prime Minister's Diary* is not the most aesthetically edifying documentary you are likely to see, but, in truth, it must be difficult to find a new angle on a subject which has been so copiously documented over the past three years.



'It was hard to see him shake that hand because I knew how he felt inside,' says Rabin's driver.

## Russian economic woes leave artists living on 'crumbs'

By JUDITH INGRAM

As the lights go up, technicians are still adjusting the pulleys that carry the curtains and backdrops up and down. They test the voyage of a small crescent moon across the stage, and make way for the young couple that opens Anton Chekhov's play, *The Seagull*. Director Josef Raikbelgauz paces below, stopping short to kick over a basket of props left lying in the wrong place and badger the troupe about showing up late.

"From now on, we concentrate on the production," he implores, glaring at the actors who are still ambling into the theater. "You can do your talking some other time. You can make the rounds of the shops some other time, too."

It's the final stretch of rehearsals for this month's premiere at the School of Contemporary Drama, one of dozens of theaters partially funded by the Moscow city government.

Despite Russia's economic crisis, the theater season is off to a roaring start, with two high-profile productions of *Hamlet* and a series of well-received premieres playing to packed houses.

Musicians are likewise filling concert halls, and spectators are lining up for museum and gallery openings. Ticket sales haven't declined noticeably, probably because — unlike most everything else in Russia — ticket prices haven't gone up and still cost only a few rubles (a dollar or two).

Yet the country's grinding economic problems have led to a reduction in corporate sponsorship that had been replacing dwindling state funding in recent years.

The sponsorship has helped Moscow maintain its world-class cultural scene in the post-Soviet era, but even the most renowned institutions in Russia's richest city are now facing cutbacks.

The Tretyakov state art gallery, home to some of Russia's richest treasures, has been receiving only enough funding from the last year to cover salaries. It owes 12.9 million rubles (\$860,000) for utilities, cleaning and security services. Only the intervention of Mayor Yuri Luzhkov has kept security guards on the job despite their lack of pay.



Josef Raikbelgauz directs Chekhov's 'The Seagull' in Moscow.

The gallery has built up an impressive army of international corporations and Russian firms to support it. But with the economic crisis, the support is evaporating, and the gallery already has had to postpone the opening of a new children's wing and forgo catalogues for two autumn exhibits.

"If suddenly the sponsorship stops, and I mean Russian sponsors, the museum simply won't survive," said Valentin Rodionov, the Tretyakov's director. "Because of the economic slide, I don't expect there will be much economic activity here. And that worries us a lot."

The Russian National Orchestra, under the baton of Mikhail Pletnev, is another cultural institution that has thrived on corporate patronage — and been completely independent of state and city funding. Its backers include an art foundation in the United States and corporate sponsors such as Chevron, Amoco and United Technologies. Even so, it's been forced to cancel two concerts this fall for lack of funding.

"Our Russian sponsors are still there, but how much we'll be able to work with them in the future, I just don't know," said Marina Makelyan, the spokeswoman for the orchestra. Artists and cultural managers are also worried they'll lose the following they've built up over the years. "Our audiences are middle-class, youth, intellectuals. We have a duty to support them by

keeping up our premieres, which is hard without government support," said Marina Druzhinina, the director of the School of Contemporary Drama.

Last year, the city budget provided for new productions and equipment, and capital repairs for the sea foam-green, 19th-century building where the theater is ensconced.

"Now, the theater's cut of the city budget is just enough to cover salaries and utility payments — and they're already a month late."

"We're living on crumbs. If we want to be able to afford more than a loaf of bread, we're going to have to earn it ourselves," Druzhinina says. "That means working harder and finding sponsors."

This season, Druzhinina is launching a search for a new kind of funder: one who will advance the theater enough money to stage a new production, and recoup the investment a year after the show closes.

First, though, she has to get the ensemble to agree to make sacrifices beyond accepting a shrinking real income. Already, most of the actors and other theater workers have jobs on the side.

"They'll be required to play as many performances as possible to return the money, and go on tour so that we can earn more, because we don't have a big theater here," she said.

"It's a huge risk; as a government-funded theater, we've never had to do such things before." (AP)

## Why Hollywood stars need more oxygen

By JEFF WILSON

Remember those goofy tabloid headlines exposing pop king Michael Jackson's use of a hyperbaric oxygen chamber?

"He hopes it will keep him young," Jackson's personal manager Frank Dileo said at the time. Now oxygen-filled cocoons are all the rage in Hollywood.

Besides Jackson, who has a \$125,000 in-home chamber, John Travolta, Kirstie Alley and other celebrities use hyperbaric systems in an attempt to thwart the ravages of age. Miss Alley particularly likes the magic that pure oxygen works on her complexion, said publicist Nancy Kane.

Show business types aren't the only ones. Hyperbaric chambers are increasingly seen in hospital inventories because of oxygen's capacity to aid healing. Trainers for major sports teams also have the chambers on hand for athletes.

There are even a few free-standing facilities, like the Beverly Hills Center for Hyperbaric Medicine on Beverly Boulevard.

"It's an explosive phase right now," said Dr. Ralph Potkin, a pioneer in oxygen chamber therapy and operator of the center.

Trainers and doctors say oxygen therapy speeds up the healing process and reduces scarring. It can cut surgical recovery time in half, save limbs from amputation and help cancer patients with radiation-damaged tissue.

Hyperbaric chambers have been commonly used to treat scuba divers who rise too quickly to the surface and suffer the bends, as well as burn victims and even

those with flesh-eating bacteria. But for those in the public eye, the chambers are seen as the fountain of youth.

"This is the new thing for celebrities. It's been such a rage, just like getting a facial for some," said Potkin, chief of pulmonary medicine and critical care at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the University of California, Los Angeles.

His Beverly Hills center, complete with a back entrance to ensure VIP privacy, is one of the nation's busiest free-standing hyperbaric medical facilities.

"Celebrities enjoy it because they are also separated from the chaos of their everyday lives. There are no cell phones or beepers," he said. "They come in just to get energized and relax."

Celebrities also are interested in the "longevity aspects" of oxygen therapy, Potkin said, but he cautions there is no scientific proof that it has the ability to reverse or impede the aging process.

For up to 90 minutes, patients are placed in a clear plexiglass housing that is filled with 100 percent oxygen. During treatment, patients dressed in cotton smocks can watch television or videos or listen to music, and many report it is as relaxing as any treatment in a spa.

"Oxygen under pressure affects the whole body. It stops swelling, speeds up healing and reduces pain with no side effects. Oxygen itself is really a medicine. From the medical side of things, as far as wound healing and cosmetic surgery, it's the most amazing scientific change in years," Potkin said. (AP)

## Homage to a veteran of the IPO

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

In June, the Musica Nova Ensemble devoted a very special concert to celebrate the 80th birthday of Ze'ev Steinberg, the German-born musician who immigrated here in 1933 and spent his early days here working in agriculture and later as a taxi driver.

Now as we have already reached the real month of this special anniversary, two other musical organizations will honor Steinberg, one of the country's most active musicians.

On Saturday, the Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra opens its current season with a special Steinberg homage, in which music director Aviv Ron leads his musicians in works by Vivaldi, Faure, Schubert and Bach, while Steinberg arranged, while Steinberg the composer will be represented by his Canonic Pieces.

Later in the month the Jerusalem Music Center presents a concert in which members of its Young Musicians Group will perform works for viola solo and viola ensembles by Bach and Bridge, as well as Brahms' first string sextet.

Both these concerts suggest that the local music community knows how to show its appreciation of its prominent members for their lengthy and fruitful work.

Steinberg was never too fast to publicize himself. When he was a member of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, he spent most of his time as a rank-and-

file violist, which made other activity difficult. But Steinberg made sure to find time to continue writing on the one hand and teaching and working with young musicians on the other.

Coming up with Steinberg programs is easy. His output was so amazing that there is plenty to choose from. But the fact remains that the three musical bodies that arranged these Steinberg tributes are hardly the country's leading music ensembles.

While Musica Nova, the Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra and the Jerusalem Music Center, all have their places on our musical map, they are secondary organizations. Perhaps this isn't surprising; nowadays, only groups like these seem willing to take risks and present programs that aren't obviously popular.

Perhaps now is the time for the IPO to honor one of its long-standing members in a special program, too. Now that will show some guts from an orchestra which seems to continually try and please the audience without any effort; it would also demonstrate that the IPO is actually aware of who's who in the local music world.

At the moment the IPO shows no sign of even considering this, but at least others are doing so.

The Ramat Gan Chamber Orchestra presents a Steinberg homage this Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Ramat Gan Theater. The Jerusalem Music Center presents a special concert in honor of Steinberg on November 27 at noon.

## Bryn Terfel revives art of opera singing

### CLASSIC DISCS

Bryn Terfel is one of the most exciting musicians to walk onto the opera scene in recent years.

The Welsh bass brings his vivid, crystal clear voice to whatever he sings and the result is always fresh and delightful.

Terfel is a serious singer who manages to put his mark on a repertoire that encompasses centuries and styles. His newest crossover disc, *If Ever I Would Leave You* (Deutsche Grammophon 457 628-2), was eagerly awaited by all his fans. The album follows a most successful disc of Handel arias, an invigorating opera arias album, a captivating disc of English songs and a Rodgers and Hammerstein disc with a series of favorites from the greatest musicals such as *My Fair Lady*, *Camelot*, *Brigadoon*, *Point Your Wagon* and other musicals written by Alan Jay Lerner.

The selections on *If Ever I Would Leave You* are most compelling. But the overall result has its ups and downs. On the up side is Terfel's warm, grandiose bass, faultless diction and musical sincerity. The songs chosen include some of Lerner's greatest numbers such as "They Call the Wind

Maria," "On a Clear Day," "If Ever I Would Leave You," "I Talk to the Trees," "This is the Life" and many others. Each is a remarkable number, each tells a very specific story, each is very engaging, and together they represent the genre of the American musical at one of its most glorious periods.

So why isn't this disc foolproof? The reason is that Terfel's plusses at certain times can become minuses as well. For example, the voice, as gorgeous as it is, is very operatic. Also, switching from comic characters to lovers and back again is not easy, even on a disc. It takes a lot of vocal and dramatic acrobatics to sing both Alfred Doolittle and Freddie from *My Fair Lady* — singing both on the same disc is not a wise choice.

But this is a relatively minor problem. As in his other solo discs, Terfel emerges as one of the leading young singers of our times and justifiably so. His love of the musical genre and the folk song tradition is passed on to music lovers.

It remains now to be seen what Terfel will record next. Whatever it is, be sure to purchase it, because singers like Bryn Terfel are not found that easily in this day and age. In fact, he is one of a few who actually manage to breathe new life into an art form many have condemned as stale and moribund.

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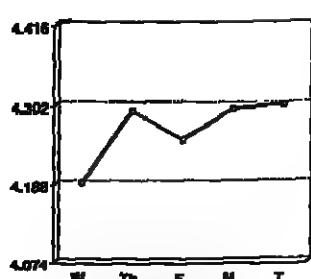
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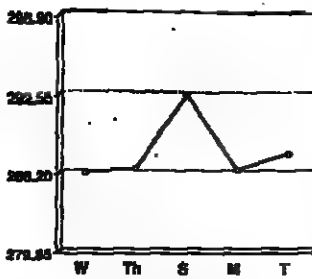
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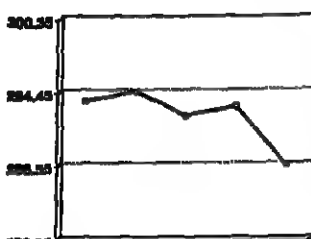


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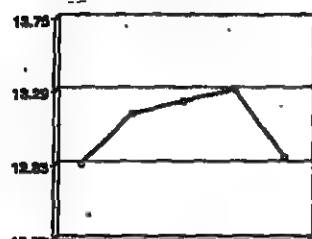
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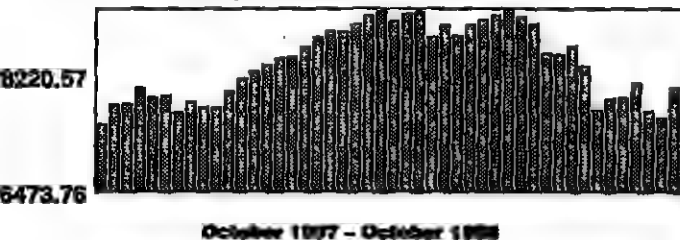
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### Jan.-Oct. gov't debt up 3.5%

The government's overall debt increased 3.5 percent during the first three quarters of the year to NIS 380 billion, the Bank of Israel said yesterday. This means 1998 government debt stands at 107% of the gross domestic product (GDP), compared to 106% at the end of last year. The increase in the size of the debt in relation to GDP principally reflects the low increase in economic growth and a large jump in the government's external debt.

David Zev Harris

### Israel to host trade bodies' forum

Some 50 senior executives from foreign trading organizations will participate in the International Trading Organizations Conference which will start on November 21, Amir Hayek, director-general of the Export Institute, said yesterday. The participants, who come from 27 countries, will stay here for a week and will meet public officials and businessmen.

Dan Gerstenfeld

## IEC: Egypt gas pipeline talks moving too slowly

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

Talks on building a gas pipeline from Egypt to Israel are progressing too slowly, Israel Electric Corporation managing director Rafi Peled said yesterday, in the company's first public comment yet on the issue.

Senior IEC sources say the government sees Egypt as Israel's natural gas supplier for both geopolitical and economic reasons. IEC, which will be Israel's main gas consumer, is heading the selection team for the purchase of gas, with a decision needed no later than December 31 - National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon's self-imposed deadline. Speaking in Haifa, Peled said he hopes the Wye agreement will lead inputs to the negotiations with Egypt. However, he urged caution about large deals that are dependent on political processes. Both Amoco and ENI have recently admitted they are negotiating with Israel for the supply of

gas, but said discussions are still in the earliest stages. ENI is constructing a pipeline which will take gas from central Egypt into the Sinai, according to a company spokeswoman.

IEC sources say much of the breakdown in talks with Cairo is down to Sharon's personal antipathy toward Egypt, a claim his aides staunchly deny, while placing much of the blame on Egypt. Even if negotiations between Israel and foreign companies do advance, permission for the deal will still have to be granted by the Egyptian government.

Meanwhile, IEC and the National Infrastructure Ministry are in talks with several other potential suppliers. In looking further afield, Israel is considering purchasing both natural gas via pipeline or liquefied natural gas (LNG).

The aim is for the new energy source to be on stream by 2002. Bloomberg adds: Amoco, the fifth-largest US oil company, said it will begin final negotiations with the Jordanian

government on November 7 on the terms of a \$400 million license to sell and distribute Egyptian natural gas in Jordan, the United Arab Emirates daily newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported, citing a senior Amoco official. The license is for the construction of a pipeline from Ain Musa on the eastern side of the Gulf of Suez to Akaba in Jordan. The first gas could be delivered in 2000, and the pipeline would be extended to reach Amman in 2002, the report said.

## Elron buys NCC for \$40m.

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Elron Software announced yesterday it is in the process of purchasing Petah Tikva-based system integration company Network Communications and Computer Systems (NCC) for \$40 million in cash.

Elron Software, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Elron Electronic Industries holding company, said that an additional \$4m. will be paid for the company after three years, pending various conditions.

NCC, which has operations also in Boston, specializes in Internet and network

management systems. The company was founded in 1983 and employs some 250 workers, most of them engineers.

Following the agreement, NCC will continue its operations as a subsidiary of Elron, which will be headed by NCC founder and controlling shareholder Meir Alter.

According to Elron Software president and CEO Yacov Ben-Zvi, NCC has annual sales of some \$25 million, of which two-thirds come from its operations in the local market and the remainder from activity in the US.

The company has been growing at an annual pace of 20%, he said.

Elron expects to register a one-time charge in the fourth quarter of \$10m.-\$20m. following the completion of the deal.

The company added that it intends to expand NCC's activities in the future and has no plans to cut its workforce.

Ben-Zvi said the agreement is a significant step toward expanding Elron's position in the information technology market.

Founded in 1997, Elron Software forms Elron's network management division. Last year the company purchased the network management and network security business assets of Cambridge, Massachusetts-based

ON Technology for \$12m. in cash.

Ben-Zvi said the move is in line with Elron's strategy of forming a software company which is based on three divisions.

The different subsidiaries will focus on off-the-shelf products, highly customized solutions and services to large enterprises.

He added that Elron intends to purchase an additional company next year, which would be turned into the company's enterprise subsidiary.

Elron Software's strategy is to penetrate selected software market segments by acquiring customers' products, operations and distribution channels.

### Jan.-Oct. tax returns down 7% on target

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

The Treasury's revenues from taxation in the first 10 months of the year were down some seven percent on the figure predicted at the start of the year, according to figures released yesterday by the Finance Ministry.

Between January and October, taxes brought NIS 96.1b. into the state's coffers, compared to the predicted NIS 123.6b. for the entire year, which when broken down to a monthly figure shows a NIS 6.9b. or 7% fall for the first 10 months.

Just before the major depreciation of the shekel against the dollar, the Treasury adjusted its prediction downward to NIS 115.5b. Ministry officials said yesterday the depreciation during the last quarter of the year could further damage tax revenues, leaving the actual amount collected even lower than this more pessimistic forecast.

Despite these statistics, there has still been a 1% real increase in overall taxes collected so far this year.

Income taxes and land taxes raised a combined NIS 53.5b. in this period, up 1.3% on the equivalent figure last year, but including a 12% decline in moneys from property taxes. Receipts from customs and VAT payments totaled NIS 40.3b., a 0.8% rise on January-October 1997.

The various other tolls and fees raised by the government showed a 2.2% increase.

Car imports for the first 10 months were down some 3% to 98,070 vehicles. There was also a 2.1% drop in the number of dishwashers brought into the country. On the other hand, there were increases in the imports of video recorders (46.1%), televisions (22%), refrigerators (14.2%), and washing machines (2.3%).

## Gates denies plans to hurt Netscape, Apple

By ANNE MARIE SQUEO

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) - Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates, confronted by antitrust enforcers with e-mails he'd written or received, denied under oath knowledge of anti-competitive behavior by the software giant.

In videotaped pretrial testimony played Monday in court, the world's richest man claimed numerous times not to know about e-mail exchanges between himself and other Microsoft executives. To avoid answering questions, Gates several times claimed not to understand what government attorneys meant by words such as "ask" or "compete."

About two hours of Gates' 20-hour deposition taken in late August was played over the objections of Microsoft as the third week of the antitrust trial got under way in a Washington federal court.

After Microsoft succeeded in preventing the tape from being played last week, the Justice Department and 20 states suing Microsoft surprised company attorneys with their decision to air it today before calling their next witness - Apple Computer executive Avadis Tevanian.

Tevanian sat in the crowded courtroom as Gates on tape denied that Microsoft threatened to withhold its popular software, MS Office, for Apple's Macintosh computers, to force the struggling computer maker in 1997 to favor its Internet Explorer browser over Netscape Communications Corp.'s Navigator.

Tevanian has testified in writing that Microsoft attempted to force Apple to "undermine" Sun Microsystems Inc. by refusing to fix glitches that prevent its multimedia product QuickTime from working with Internet Explorer. When the trial resumes today, Tevanian will be cross-examined by Microsoft.

Federal antitrust enforcers allege Gates orchestrated a campaign of illegal behavior to protect Microsoft's Windows monopoly and extend dominance into related areas, such as browsers and multimedia software. Windows 95 and its successor, Windows 98, run about 90 percent of the world's new personal computers.

Gates, clad in a dark suit, slouched in a dark leather chair during the pretrial questioning by Justice Department lead attorney David Boies and New York antitrust chief Stephen Houck.

"Well, sir, in making the decisions as to what you would ask for, Apple, did you believe that what you were offering Apple - with respect to Microsoft Office for Macintosh - was important enough to Apple so that they ought to give you something for it?" Boies asked Gates.

"I have no idea what you're talking about when you say 'ask,'"



A recent file photo of Apple Computer executive Avadis Tevanian, who testified in writing that Microsoft refused to fix glitches in Sun Microsystems' multimedia product QuickTime and is scheduled to be cross-examined by Microsoft lawyers today. (AP/Courtesy of Apple Computer Inc.)

Gates said, who often rocked back and forth between questions or when he read e-mail shown to him.

Gates was shown an e-mail sent to him by Microsoft executive Don Bradford that said using "MacOffice is the perfect club" to get Apple to agree to do something that "significantly/materially disadvantages Netscape." Gates continued to deny knowledge of such a strategy.

Boies then cited a June 1997 e-mail from Microsoft executive Ben Waldman to Gates that said, "The threat to cancel MacOffice 97 is certainly the strongest bargaining point we have, as doing so will do a great deal of harm to Apple immediately."

Asked by Boies about his thoughts on whether Microsoft planned to cancel this much-needed product for Apple, Gates referred to what Microsoft senior vice president Paul Maritz thought, what Apple may have thought, and then

ultimately denied recalling that threat with a single "no."

After earlier trying to prevent the tape from being shown or released to the public, Microsoft general counsel William Neukom called the videotaped excerpts "an unfair personal attack on Bill Gates."

Still, company spokesmen said the actual tape didn't match the government's buildup. "If the government was looking for a knock-

out punch, it certainly wasn't provided in the deposition today," said Joseph diGenova, a former US attorney for Washington and recently hired consultant to Microsoft. "This was an ordinary deposition by an extraordinary man."

Gates, a Harvard University dropout, founded Microsoft, considered one of the US's most successful companies with annual revenue topping \$14 billion.

### Saudis pick net providers

DUBAI (Reuters) - Saudi Arabia has approved a list of Internet Service Providers (ISP) ahead of plans to open up the web to the general public in the kingdom for the first time, the official Saudi Press Agency reported yesterday.

It quoted a senior official in charge of the Internet, saying he had "completed authorization for 40 companies to provide the Internet service in the kingdom, in addition to Saudi Telecommunications Co (STC)."

He did not name the firms.

Saleh bin Abdel-Rahman Athel, president of King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, was also quoted as saying "the Internet service will be provided to the general public during the coming month of Ramadan, God permitting."

Ramadan starts around December 19, based on the sighting of the moon. Athel said STC would link the ISPs to a main server in the technology city, giving them access to the worldwide web.

It was not immediately clear whether the 40 firms were short-listed or approved as the final ISPs. A Saudi-based marketing manager for one of the companies bidding said he expected some 20 firms to be picked as ISPs.

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# Up the down escalator

In a market where investors have been dumping stocks indiscriminately, there is little reason to retain many small stocks when there are bigger, safer and more liquid bargains available in the bigger caps

By NEIL CONEN

Very few people have any idea where the market is going. I am referring to Wall Street, but the same applies to the TASE.

Are we facing a recession? Where is the dollar heading? Will President Clinton remain in office? How much worse will things get in Russia, Latin America, the Far East? Does anyone really know? Or locally: Do the Wye accords adequately address our security needs? Will the Palestinians deliver on their end?

Will the accords hold up? Will there be a new wave of terror? Will the shekel calm down? Will inflation surge? How much will growth slow next year? Will an improvement in the diplomatic situation entice foreign investors back into the TASE, or will completely extraneous issues (aversion to exotic markets, bargains at home) keep them away?

All of these questions are major factors in determining the future direction of world markets. Three

weeks ago, all was doom and gloom. Now markets have recovered quite significantly. The US's turnaround, at least in part, was prompted by a surprise cut in interest rates as well as decent corporate results.

Interest rates here have risen, but the market has responded positively. Is it a bounce before a further turn downward? Or was the previous slide a correction that will allow the market to build a new head of steam so it can soar to new heights?

A surprising report on third-quarter economic growth on Friday lifted stocks to their highest level since August, completing a recovery from their violent late summer sell-off. The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished October - the often-frightening month for investors that has been marked by the 1929 and 1987 market crashes - with a gain of 749.48, its biggest monthly gain on record.

Gross domestic product in the United States, expanded at a 3.3 percent annual rate, the Commerce Department said, well

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above the 2.3% rate that was forecast. The report bolstered investors' hopes that the US economy would weather the crisis, allowing for continued growth in corporate profits.

The GDP reading followed two reports released earlier this week that suggested there is more vigor in the economy than investors had come to believe. A reading on September durable goods orders showed a 0.9% advance, rather than a decline, and that third-quarter employment costs rose 1%, greater than the 0.8% rise that was forecast.

The strong data, coupled with recent stability in global markets, seems to have convinced many investors that the turbulence that hit Wall Street during the summer has finally passed.

That sentiment was further

strengthened Friday when the Group of Seven industrialized nations issued a statement endorsing US plans to allow the International Monetary Fund to speed emergency loans to countries facing the threat of investor panic.

Even technology and financial stocks, which had been the best performers when the market was surging and fell hardest when it retreated, have started to regain some of their losses, especially the tech stocks.

I HAVE reached the stage where I have no real opinion on what is going to happen next. When I was in the US two weeks ago, friends of mine who are highly successful, veteran money managers were talking of prolonged pain in which cash was going to be king. Many seem quickly to have put such talk behind them. Others are not so sure. I think you just have to live this market day by day, adjusting your portfolio to make sure you are invested in companies that are going to weather the storm and bounce back afterwards. Panic selling is obviously not the answer, as anyone who bailed at the end of August must now have learned. Equally, jumping into the market to increase holdings is very risky as what looks cheap now may yet get a lot cheaper.

With this in mind, I have been going through the portfolio ever more carefully and critically. In a market where investors have been dumping stocks indiscriminately regardless of quality and size, I see little reason to continue to hold many small stocks when there are bargains available in the bigger caps, which are more liquid, safer and will clearly recover more quickly when the market eventually heads north.

With this in mind I've decided to unload the holdings in Orda Print and Carmel Containers. I think that both are cheap value stocks whose businesses are worth fundamentally a good deal more than their current market value. At the same time, they're both small and generating little investor interest. Perhaps most importantly, I do not anticipate any event, either external or management-driven, that will attract more attention to the stocks or change investor perception of them.

As far as the other small caps

we are holding, I'm sticking with Laznik Commercial, which I think has excellent appreciation potential and a management very focused on shareholder value.

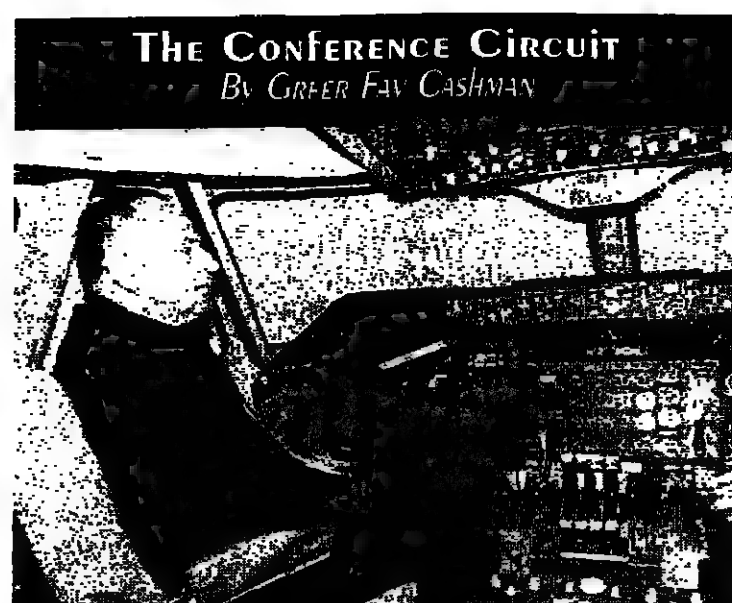
The same goes for Ayalon Insurance. Again, I think the stock is very cheap, and that there is a possibility for further consolidation in the insurance industry. This could lead to a small player like Ayalon being swallowed up.

I was quite surprised and rather disappointed when the Bank of Israel decided to raise interest rates. It is the first misstep the government has made in some time, to my mind. The bank's battle against inflation is laudable. But with a recession possibly in the offing, making credit even more expensive is not the answer. On the contrary, monetary policy should be as loose as possible. If anything, an interest rate hike has made recession - or even worse stagflation (recession combined with inflation) - even more likely.

And from the standpoint of defending the shekel, the move does not make much sense either. In the kind of volatile situation we have been experiencing over the last couple of months, an interest rate hike makes little impression on the speculators. They are playing for stakes far higher than a 2% interest rate differential. I think the bank should have been sending a solid message that the volatility was temporary, and that currency markets would survive the crisis.

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There's a little boy inside every man, and Knesset chairman Dan Tichon is no exception. When he and his wife Lavina were invited by Joseph Chechanover, chairman of El Al's board of directors, to tour the facilities of the national carrier, he could not resist jumping into the pilot's seat when inspecting the cockpit of an El Al plane. During his visit, Tichon was briefed on El Al's new cohesiveness policy with European airlines.

Nellie Monin, 36, has been appointed acting legal advisor to the State Revenues Administration at the Finance Ministry. She replaces Talia Dolan-Gadish, who has taken a 10-month leave-of-absence to study in the US. Monin, who holds a doctorate in law from the Hebrew University, is a taxation and international trade expert. She has been working with the Finance Ministry since 1989.

Making her first visit to Israel in the company of the Society of American Travel Writers, Deborah M. Bernstein, director of public relations for Sheraton worldwide, explained why it's taken her so long to get here. For her bet mitzva, her grandmother gave her the choice of a piano or a trip to Israel. She took the piano! But now that she's finally made the trip, and in view of Sheraton's expanding interests in Israel, Bernstein expects to be back several times a year.

Prof. Salomon Z. Langer, vice president of the French conglomerate Syntelabo, the pharmaceutical group under the L'Oreal umbrella, was in Israel to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the company's

entry into the Israeli market and to announce the launch of Syntelabo's new cosmetic line. Syntelabo recently purchased 26.8 percent of Mediline's stock. Ayalon made its Israeli debut at a reception at Hahinuh attended by the French ambassador and many pharmacists. The company decided to celebrate by taking its clients to the theater to see *The Sephardi Orchard*.

The Burger Ranch board of directors decided last week to appoint Ron Lapid, the chain's founder and managing director, as company chairman, and to promote his deputy, Haim Ben-Zvi, to the position of managing director. Lapid, who founded the company 26 years ago and owns 26% of its stock, will be an active chairman. The Paz group, which owns the remaining 74% of the stock, has made a strategic investment with a view to developing food outlets in all its fuel stations throughout the country. Ben-Zvi, a veteran Paz employee, has held several important posts including vice president for finances and marketing vice president.

Finance Minister Yankov Neeman, who attended a reception at the Jerusalem Hilton to mark the establishment of an Israeli branch of American AIG subsidiary EMI, noted that this was a major milestone for Israel's insurance market. EMI will enable property purchasers in Israel to obtain mortgages of up to 80% of the value of the acquisition. On hand were Morris Greenberg, global director of AIG, and Haim Kipel, who heads EMI in Israel. AIG owns 80% of EMI.

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# Van Hooijdonk's uneasy return to Forest

Imagine the following scenario at a typical workplace. A new high flyer with an impressive CV and reputation arrives at the company, takes a quick look round and immediately goes on strike because of what he terms as the firm's "lack of ambition."

The managing director is fuming, work colleagues vow never to work with the high flyer again and the foreman tells the media that as far as he is concerned, the person can "rot in hell."

Three months later the high flyer is back at work but with one eye on the "situations vacant" column of the trade journal. It might sound like a soap opera and it could be called "Gossip from the Forest" - welcome back to Nottingham, Pierre van Hooijdonk. The striker who really was a striker returned to training on Friday accompanied by two bodyguards (it should be remembered that when he walked out on the club three months ago, team captain Steve Stone said he would not get changed in the same room as the

player).

Van Hooijdonk did not play in Forest's impressive 1-1 draw at Middlesbrough on Sunday, he wasn't even invited to watch. Manager Dave Bassett told BBC Radio that there was still a lot of ill feeling towards the player, and yes, it would be better if the club could sell him, but if he was to stay on then it would be nice if he got a few goals to help the team stay in the Premiership.

Ironically, van Hooijdonk was the one of the main reasons Forest were promoted to the Premiership after his move to Nottingham from Celtic, the Dutchman bagging 29 goals almost at will as Forest won the First Division title. But when he saw the money that was on offer to strengthen the team, he decided to down tools - simple as that.

It appears that business pragmatism has won the day over ethics. The most interesting question concerning van Hooijdonk is why he was seemingly happy playing last season at such

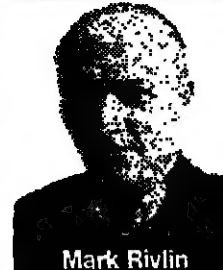
glamorous places as Crewe and Bury, but declined to turn out at Old Trafford and Anfield this campaign.

Unfortunately for the hard-pressed fans, van Hooijdonk is just one of a growing breed of player who sees football as nothing more than a conduit for getting very rich very quickly.

For the past week Coventry's Dion Dublin has been leading three of the country's leading clubs a merry dance as each vies for his signature - at his price.

Then came Brian Laudrup who told Chelsea that he was homesick for Copenhagen while his wife added that she was not happy with the size of their garden in London - one would have thought that on the player's £50,000 per week salary, the couple could at least get a quote from an estate agent

## London Calling



Mark Rivlin

with a bigger piece of landscape on offer.

More than one football writer this week has suggested that the selfishness of certain types of players is one reason for considering the scrapping of transfer fees. Clubs are seemingly so worried about recouping their investments in players, that they are prepared to let players use contracts for wrapping their fish and chips in.

Meanwhile, according to one tabloid, should van Hooijdonk manage to find the net, his team-mates will not acknowledge the goal, but will instead run to the opposite side of the field. But on current form, they will have to pass to him, otherwise there is little likelihood of them getting too many goals.

MEANWHILE, on the pitch, the

Manchester United juggernaut drives on. Saturday's 4-1 victory at Everton included another promising performance from Wesley Brown - the 19-year-old defender is the latest wonder kid to come off the United conveyor belt. Brown is already an England Under-21 international, despite having played only four first-team games for his club. And there are strong press rumors that he will be included in Glenn Hoddle's squad for the forthcoming friendly against the Czech Republic.

But it could be that West Ham can go one better. The club have found possibly the rawest talent in England in the shape of Joe Cole - a 16-year-old midfielder who has been impressing so much in training, he is likely to be featured in the first team very soon.

Arsenal kept their cool and dignity in defeating Coventry 1-0. The game was marred by a tragedy an hour before kick-off when a Coventry steward was accidentally killed while guiding the

Arsenal team bus into a parking space outside the ground. The game went ahead, but the incident affected both teams. Arsenal play in Kiev tonight in the Champions League.

The problem about whether Denis Bergkamp will be able to play because of his fear of flying was not a factor, as the player has a back injury. But such is Arsenal's determination to do well in the tournament, they sent a two-man reconnaissance team to check out an alternative 56-hour train journey. Their verdict - not enough sleep mainly because of the spartan conditions on the last leg from Warsaw to Kiev.

When Bergkamp recovers, the club will be looking through its Euroair timetable for the best route to Athens where Arsenal will take on Panathinaikos next month. Evidently, Bergkamp's fear has affected other members of the squad who are also reluctant to fly. What will happen if the European super league goes ahead?

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## Contenders line up at season halftime

At halftime of the NFL season, this much is clear: No one will go 0-16.

The last two winless teams (Carolina and Washington) are no longer winless. And one of the last two unbeaten (Minnesota) is no longer unbeaten. As for Denver, the Broncos barely survived a game they should have won easily.

Here's what the second half looks like:

• Denver almost certainly will get home field in the AFC and has a decent shot at being the first unbeaten team since the 1972 Dolphins.

• The six playoff teams in the NFC are just about set — Minnesota, Green Bay, San Francisco, Dallas, Atlanta and Tampa Bay, which will get in with an 8-8 record. The winner (the Vikings, Packers or 49ers) will then lose to the Broncos in the Super Bowl the way the AFC winner used to lose to an NFC team.

A rundown on the NFL at mid-point:

### AFC

"When you don't play as good as you expect and you still find a way to win, that's very special," Mike Shanahan said after his Broncos (8-0) barely escaped in Cincinnati.

That's about as close as Shanahan will ever come to suggesting that Denver has a chance to go unbeaten — unless Kansas City revives, there are no real obstacles until the Broncos go to Miami on December 21. On the other hand, if they play as they did in Cincinnati, they could lose at home next week to San Diego.

But this is a tough conference — 10-6 might not make the playoffs, so tiebreakers are important.

### East

Four teams in the playoffs? Maybe, but the Jets, Patriots, Bills and Dolphins, all 5-3, could spend too much time knocking each other off to create wild cards. The Pats are talented but hurt; the Dolphins need receivers; the Jets are finally (cross your fingers) getting the Vinny Testaverde people expected; and Doug Flutie has created both wins and excitement in Buffalo.

Indianapolis? Even at 1-7, Peyton's progress is fun to watch.

Playoff predictions: Too many teams: Denver and Jacksonville for sure, with Miami, Pittsburgh, Oakland, New England, Buffalo, the Jets and maybe even the Tennessee Travelers.

### Central

Jacksonville (6-2) straightened things out Sunday and may be the second-best team in the AFC. All that means is another bashing in Denver in the conference title game.

Pittsburgh (5-3) didn't realize what it lost when Chan Gailey took over in Dallas. Kordell Stewart has regressed, the offensive line has been killed by injuries and the Steelers could miss the playoffs for the first time in Bill Cowher's seven years as coach.

Tennessee (4-4) is improving but there are a lot of tough games (at Jacksonville and at Green Bay to name two).

Cincinnati? How do you spell erratic? Baltimore (2-6) is ensuring that this will be Ted Marchibroda's last season.

West

Denver is a breeze. The Raiders (6-2) are like last year's Giants, with a defense that can carry over a team with Donald Hollas at quarterback. But the second-half schedule is tougher.

The loser of next week's game between Kansas City and Seattle (both 4-4) can forget about the playoffs. If it's Seattle, Dennis Erickson can forget about coaching next year. Both are disappointments, in part through injury, in part because of too many off-season additions that hurt cohesiveness.

San Diego (3-5) can spend the rest of the year hoping that Ryan Leaf improves as much as he did against Seattle two weeks ago.

NFC East

Dallas by default, unless the Cards (4-4) get more consistent. The Giants have no offense, Washington (despite beating the Giants) and Philadelphia are about to get their coaches fired.

Central

To be decided November 22 when Green Bay (6-2) completes a three-game road trip at Minnesota (7-1). But the Packers have a problem — Brett Favre. Travis Jervay ran well enough Sunday and Favre still threw three interceptions, making it 14 in five games, more like 1992-93 than since.

Tampa Bay (4-4) is 4-0 at home and 0-4 on the road. If the Bucs continue, 8-8 might be good enough to make the playoffs.

Chicago (3-5) is fun to watch and Erik Kramer's having a somewhat good year. The Lions (2-6) are still different, unless Bobby Ross than under Wayne Fontes — let someone else figure them out.

West

San Francisco (6-2) has serious problems on the offensive line and in the secondary but remains a step above Atlanta (6-2).

Still, their meeting in the Georgia Dome on November 15 — Chris Chandler's health permitting — could be fun.

The Saints (4-4) might sneak in at 8-8 — they have a tiebreaker over the Bucs. Forget the Panthers (1-7) and the Rams (2-6), who now have problems with Tony Banks. (AP)

### MY CALL

# Dallas drubs Philadelphia, 34-0



PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With a few graceful plays, the Dallas Cowboys looked as dominant as ever. Now they need to work on the rest.

Troy Aikman to Michael Irvin was back with a 10-yard TD pass. Emmitt Smith did a little pirouette and cut back into the end zone, as only a precious few who've worn shoulder pads can.

Prime Time was Prime Time. What else would Deion Sanders be? The Cowboys took a step toward reasserting themselves as an NFC power Monday night, routing the hapless Eagles 34-0. While it's hard to tell if the boys from Dallas are all the way back, Aikman appears to be.

And that's a pretty good start. "The only person I'm more comfortable with is my wife, and she doesn't throw the ball," said Irvin, who scored his first touchdown of the season to get the blowout rolling.

In his first start since missing five games with a broken collarbone, Aikman was 14-for-26 for 171 yards and two touchdowns.

He shook off a crushing hit by Hollis Thomas on the first play of the game and let everyone know that the Cowboys (5-3) are a different team when he's healthy.

"It was good to be back," said Aikman, injured in the second game of the season against Denver. "It was tough to watch the last couple of weeks from the sideline. I was trying to be smart and didn't want to take any unnecessary hits." Smith ran for 101 yards and a touchdown, cutting back and fooling the entire Philadelphia defense on a 15-yard TD run that was vintage Emmitt.

"They overplayed it," Smith said. "They just shot too much to one side and I bounced back to the opening."

And Sanders had a 69-yard punt return for a touchdown, the fifth of his career and second this season — both under the lights on Monday night. In those two games against the New York Giants and Eagles, they won by a combined score of 65-7.

"I think I was born on Monday



UNSTOPPABLE FORCE — Dallas Cowboys' running back Emmitt Smith gets by Philadelphia Eagles' defensive back Bobby Taylor for a 13-yard gain.

night," said Sanders, who returned a punt and an interception for TDs in the game against the Giants on Sept. 21. "I'll have to ask my mother about that."

For the Eagles, this Monday Night Massacre was even worse than they had feared. They are 1-

7 for the first time since 1975, with no end in sight for their terrible season.

"We were inept in just about every phase of the game," Eagles coach Ray Rhodes said. "It was very embarrassing."

Dallas has a one-game lead

over Arizona in the weak NFC East and rebounded from a 12-12 loss at Chicago two weeks ago. They are 4-0 against division opponents, with games the next two weeks against New York and Arizona.

They still have problems, com-

mitting 10 penalties for 130 yards as the teams combined for 240 yards in penalties in a wretched, flag-filled game. But on the whole, it was a good sign for the folks from Valley Ranch.

"I would be disappointed if we weren't thinking about the playoffs right now," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said. "I'm not trying to be cocky. If we don't think about what we're doing and our season position, we would be wrong."

With the 38-0 loss to Seattle in the home opener, the Eagles became the first NFL team to lose two home shutouts by more than 30 points in the same season. It was the first time they've been shut out twice in a season since 1957, and the first time it's happened twice at home, since 1942.

Dallas 34-0 Philadelphia 0-8  
First Quarter: Dallas 28 (Carson 33, 7:54). Dallas 10 (Irvin 10 pass from Aikman 1:00). Second Quarter: Dallas 28 (Carson 33, 1:40). Third Quarter: Dallas 28 (Irvin 10 pass from Aikman 0:50). Fourth Quarter: Dallas 28 (Carson 33, 1:40). Total Score: Dallas 34-0 Philadelphia 0-8.

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	3	0	42	188	162
Miami	3	3	0	45	128	109
New England	3	3	0	45	191	138
N.Y. Jets	3	3	0	45	184	139
Indianapolis	1	7	0	45	128	214
Central						
Jacksonville	6	2	0	58	268	145
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	52	238	144
Tennessee	4	4	0	50	181	157
Baltimore	2	6	0	42	121	179
Cleveland	2	6	0	39	153	219
West						
Denver	8	0	0	100	273	151
Oakland	4	2	0	70	144	145
Kansas City	4	4	0	58	148	143
Seattle	4	4	0	50	172	136
San Diego	3	5	0	45	163	131

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Dallas	5	3	0	45	200	115
Arizona	4	4	0	50	123	170
N.Y. Giants	3	5	0	35	180	173
Philadelphia	1	7	0	25	79	194
Washington	1	7	0	25	114	241
Central						
Minnesota	7	1	0	85	263	143
Green Bay	6	2	0	72	210	144
Tampa Bay	4	4	0	50	121	145
Carolina	3	5	0	35	151	178
Detroit	2	6	0	28	161	209
West						
Atlanta	6	2	0	70	212	164
San Francisco	4	4	0	50	204	163
New Orleans	4	4	0	50	131	170
St. Louis	2	6	0	28	154	204
Carolina	1	7	0	25	131	214

## England fade in draw with W Australia

PERTH (Reuters) — Western Australia's captain Justin Langer hit out at England yesterday after a cautious innings by the tourists saw their four-day match fade to a draw.

Set 282 for victory from a minimum of 65 overs, England's batsmen adopted a steady approach to reach 192 for four when stumps were down 15 minutes before the scheduled closing time.

Langer said after the game that he was disappointed by England's approach to the run chase.

"What's the point of playing a game if you don't play a game to win," he said.

"I thought we set them a reasonable total on a very, very good batting wicket with a very fast outfield against a very inexperienced attack."

"I hope England play with the same attitude throughout the summer because if they do it will be long summer for them."

Western Australia, which held a 13 run lead after the first innings, declared their second innings closed at 268 for three midway through the first session on Tuesday.

Opener Ryan Campbell top scored with a brilliant 146 which included 23 boundaries while

Langer, who bats at No. 3 for Australia, added a rapid 41 to his first innings score of 85.

England, with Alec Stewart and Michael Atherton missing through injury and regular opener Mark Butcher still recovering after being hit in the face while batting in the first innings, promoted Dominic Cork to open.

But Cork failed to make any impression as he departed for a duck, caught by Matthew Nicholson off the bowling of Sean Cary.

Hussain, who scored a century in England's first innings, made 28 when he was caught before

Graham Thorpe (64 not out) and John Crawley (65) rescued the innings.

England's next match against South Australia starts on Saturday with the first Test against Australia commencing on November 20.

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## Ronaldo back in wintry Moscow for Inter-Spartak game

LONDON (AP) — Rain, snow, freezing temperatures — the perfection conditions for Ronaldo.

Last April, on a snow-covered pitch in Moscow, the Brazilian striker conjured up some of his magic to score two goals as Inter Milan defeated Spartak Moscow in the UEFA Cup semifinals.

The two clubs meet again today in Moscow, this time in the group stage of the Champions League.

The weather conditions will be similar, with wet snow and a low temperature of 0° Celsius for Ronaldo. "The weather and field conditions will be difficult for both teams," Spartak coach Oleg Romantsev said. "However, we are training in these conditions all year and we are more used to them."

Inter is reeling after three straight defeats in Serie A, including Sunday's humiliating 3-2 loss to Bari.

Owner Massimo Moratti says coach Gigi Simoni's future will depend on the outcome of the game in Moscow and this weekend's league match against AC Milan.

Inter should be boosted by the presence of Ronaldo, who has played only two full matches this season because of tendinitis in both knees. Two weeks ago, a rusty Ronaldo scored the winning goal in Inter's 2-1 home victory against Spartak. He's expected to team up front today with Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano.

Inter will be without several injured stars — forward Roberto Baggio, French midfielder Youri Djorkaeff, Uruguay's Alvaro Recoba and Djorkaeff's Ze Elias.

Today's game will be crucial in the Group C standings.

Inter and Spartak are tied with defending champion Real Madrid with six points, and the Spanish side is expected to pick up another easy victory against Sturm Graz.

As in Moscow, winter-like conditions are forecast for the Group E match in Ukraine between Dynamo Kiev and English champion Arsenal.

Dynamo played the Gunners two weeks ago at Wembley in a 1-1 draw, and Arsenal

manager Arsene Wenger believes the Ukrainian side is the favorite to win the group.

Dynamo's star striker Andriy Shevchenko, who was injured in a domestic league match last week, has recovered and will be in the lineup against Arsenal.

Arsenal made the trip to Ukraine without three key players — Dennis Bergkamp, Marc Overmars and Tony Adams.

Bergkamp, who scored Arsenal's goal against Dynamo last month, has a fear of flying and had considered traveling to Kiev by train. But those plans were dropped when he failed to recover from a back injury.

With Bergkamp and Overmars out, Wenger is likely to field unused Librarian Chris Wreh up front with French striker Nicolas Anelka. Steve Bould, 36, steps in for Adams in defense.

Arsenal is bolstered by the return of French stars Patrick Vieira and Emmanuel Petit, who missed the first game through suspension and injury, respectively.

A look at other games in each group:

Group A — Ajax Amsterdam, the 1995 champion, is in danger of elimination after its 1-0 defeat to Greek side Olympiakos two weeks ago. The Dutch side must win at home to stay alive.

Ajax captain Danny Blind is injured and his replacement, Polish international Andrzej Rudy, has a hamstring problem which could keep him out.

Ajax's Nigerian international winger Tijani Babangida will miss the match through injury as will defender Mario Melchiot.

Olympiakos, which leads the group with seven points, has no major injury problems.

FC Porto travels to Croatia Zagreb after winning 3-0 at home last month.

Group B — Juventus, at home to Athletic Bilbao, moved to the top of Serie A with a 2-0 victory against Sampdoria on Sunday.

But La Juve has been unimpressive so far in the Champions League, with three consecutive draws against Rosenborg, Galatasaray and Bilbao.

Striker Filippo Inzaghi will lead Juve's attack alongside Alessandro del Piero, while the midfield will benefit from the return following sus-

pension of French World Cup star Zinedine Zidane and Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids.

The only game missing for Juve is French midfielder Didier Deschamps, who strained his right ankle Sunday.

Spanish international defender Rafael Alkorta has a muscle injury and is out of the Spanish club's lineup.

Rosenborg, which leads the group with five points, is at home against Galatasaray, which has four. Juve has three and Bilbao two.

Group C — While Spartak plays Inter, Real Madrid can pile more misery on Sturm Graz, the only club in the competition with zero points.

Real beat the Austrian side 6-1 two weeks ago and is back at the top of the Spanish league. It has star forward Pedrag Mijatovic and veteran defender Manuel Sanchis back in the lineup.

"A draw would be like a defeat against Sturm Graz," Real's Brazilian defender Roberto Carlos said.

Group D — Manchester United, which thrashed Brendby 6-2 in Copenhagen last month, should have another easy time at Old Trafford.

United's Ryan Giggs is sidelined with a broken foot and is replaced by Jesper Blomqvist. Bayern Munich, which recorded a 1-0 home win last month against Barcelona, travels to Spain with a virtual full-strength squad.

Only Jens Jeremies, suspended for the match, is out.

Barcelona has appealed to fans to fill the Camp Nou, giving the team that has been badly affected by injuries and absences maximum support in a key game.

With Miguel Angel Nadal and Michael Reiziger both injured, the Barcelona defense looks shaky. The midfield has been hit by the injury of Luis Enrique Martinez.

Group E — While Kiev vs. Arsenal is the highlight, Panathinaikos is at home against Lens. The French side won 1-0 at home and is tied with Arsenal with five points, while the Greeks have three and Dynamo has two.

Group F — Kaiserslautern, which leads with seven points, hosts PSV Eindhoven, while Benfica is at home vs. Helsinki.

## Forsberg ends slump as Avalanche win

GREENSBORO (AP) — Peter Forsberg finally found the net — and that was enough to give the Colorado Avalanche a 3-2 victory over the Carolina Hurricanes Monday night.

"I had taken, like, 35 shots (this season) before it went in, but I still don't think my shooting percentage moved much," joked Forsberg, who broke out of his goal-scoring drought by beating Arturs Irbes midway through the third period as part of his three-point night.

Irbes, the NHL player of the month for October after posting a 0.76 goals against average, allowed Colorado's first shot of the game to slip under his pads.

And he couldn't stop Forsberg's blast from the slot over his left shoulder with 8:54 left.

Islanders 6, Panthers 2

Host New York closed the door on Florida. Afterwards, the Panthers closed the door to everyone else.

After the Islanders 6-2 victory,

Colorado 1-0-3 Carolina 1-0-2-1 First Period: 1-0, Colorado, Lemieux 4 (Forsberg), 1:19. 2, Carolina, Dineen 1 (Manderville), 12:00. Second Period: None. Third Period: 2, Colorado, Forsberg (Kanevsky, Gustafson), 11:08. 3, Colorado, Corbi 2 (Forsberg), 15:58. 4, Carolina, Emerson 2 (Chesman, Wester), 17:28. Shots on goal: Colorado 6-7-19, 25. Carolina 9-5-11, 24. Goals: Colorado, Lemieux, Gustafson, 11:08. 3, 15:58. Carolina, Emerson, 17:28.

Florida 1-0-2-1 First Period: 1, New York, Stenlund 3 (Pelletier, Lindqvist), 1:11 (pp). 2, Florida, Niedermayer 3 (Svein, Gagner), 5:36 (pp). Second Period: 3, Florida, Lindqvist 1 (Muller, Gagner), 2:41. 4, New York, Stenlund 4 (Pelletier, Corbi), 8:27 (pp). 5, New York, Pelletier 2, 10:20. 6, New York, Corbi 1, 12:00.

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Detroit 6 4 0 12 31 20

St. Louis 4 3 2 10 23 21

Chicago 4 5 1 9 23 32

Nashville 2 5 1 7 23 28

Northwest Division

Vancouver 5 4 1 11 29 22

Edmonton 5 4 0 10 33 22

Calgary 3 5 2 8 25 31

Colorado 3 4 1 7 26 34

Pacific Division

Dallas 6 1 2 14 25 16

Phoenix 5 2 1 11 24 14

Los Angeles 4 5 2 10 21 24

San Jose 3 3 3 9 21 24

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ZURICH (Reuters) - English soccer hero Sir Geoff Hurst, hit back yesterday at criticism from South Africa over the state of England's football grounds as the campaign to host the World Cup finals in 2006 intensified.

Hurst targeted Danny Jordaan, the campaign director of South Africa's bid to stage the finals, following remarks Jordaan made last week when he claimed English grounds "were not modern and built in the 1950s and '60s."

Hurst, whose hat-trick in the 1966 World Cup final helped England win the World Cup and who is now working as an ambassador for England's bid, said he was astonished at Jordaan's remarks.

At a lunch of the British-Swiss Chamber of Commerce in front of an invited audience which included FIFA president Sepp Blatter, Hurst said: "We have tried not to get involved in what is happening with rival bids, but I was amazed to hear Danny Jordaan's remarks."

"In the last 10 years almost \$1 billion has been spent on our grounds, and that is without the \$520 million that will go towards the new Wembley."

## Leeds fail to press advantage vs. Roma

LEEDS - AS Roma, reduced to 10 men for half the match, held on for a goalless draw yesterday at Leeds United to reach the third round of the UEFA Cup by a slender 1-0 aggregate victory after their first leg success at home two weeks ago.

Leeds, who held the numerical advantage after Cameroonian midfielder Pierre Wome was shown the red card for a second bookable offense just before halftime, made little real impression against the uncompromising Roma defense and midfield.

Overall the Italians just had too much guile and know-how for the relatively inexperienced Leeds side and their first-leg winner from Marco Delvecchio was enough to secure the tie.

The home side's best chance of a goal came midway through the second half but ended farcically when Dutch substitute Clyde Wijnhard saw his acute effort

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inadvertently blocked on the line by his teammate Harry Kewell.

Leeds had also gone close in the first half through Lee Bowyer who burst through four defenders but then sent his shot too close to the goalkeeper after 37 minutes.

Bowyer was also involved in the incident that led to Wome's dismissal as the Roma player earned his second booking for scything him down after 45 minutes.

Roma's Paulo Sergio saw a good scoring chance saved by the feet of Leeds keeper Nigel Martyn after 24 minutes but apart from that the Italian team were content to soak up the pressure and frustrate Leeds by dictating the play and the tempo of the match.

Brazilian World Cup defender Cafu tested Martyn in the dying minutes with a rare forward sortie, but even though his shot was charged away, Roma had done enough to win.

FC Zurich 4, Celtic 2

FC Zurich hit Celtic with three goals in 10 minutes to send the Scottish side crashing out of the UEFA Cup 4-2 on the night and 5-3 on aggregate.



RESTRAINED - Leeds United star Lee Bowyer is held off by Roma's Di Francesco Eusebio during their UEFA Cup match yesterday.

Giorgio Del Signore began the burst in the 51st minute of the second round return leg then Frederic Chassot doubled the tally four minutes later.

Philip O'Donnell gave Celtic hope when he replied in the 58th minute only to watch Shaun Bartlett restore Zurich's two-goal cushion three minutes later.

Celtic refused to give up and Henrik Larssen reduced the deficit in the 71st minute.

Once again Zurich had the answer. Cesar Sant'Anna completed the scoring four minutes later with the sixth goal of the second half.

Parma 2, Wisla Krakow 1  
Parma, one of the early favorites to win the UEFA Cup, advanced after a 2-1 second-round, second-leg home win over

Krakow.

Italian midfielder Stefano Fiore scored in the 21st and Bogdan Zajak's own-goal made it 2-0 in the 46th. Zajak also scored the Pole's only goal in second-half injury time.

The victory was the ninth straight home win for Parma in the UEFA Cup, which it won in 1995. Parma rested stars like Hernan Crespo and Colombia forward Faustina Asprilla.

Girondins Bordeaux 2

Vitesse Arnhem 1

Host FC Brugge got through to advance 4-3. The game was tied 1-1 after regulation time as Serb playmaker Alexander Ilic headed home the winner in the 115th minute.

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Slavia Prague 0, Bologna 2  
Visiting Italy's Bologna advanced 4-1. Giuseppe Signori scored in the 80th off a pass from Amedeo Mangone and Massimo Caprioli got the other six minutes later.

Club Brugge 3

Vib Stuttgart 2

Host FC Brugge got through to advance 4-3. The game was tied 1-1 after regulation time as Serb playmaker Alexander Ilic headed home the winner in the 115th minute.

Stuttgart mounted its unlikely comeback when, trailing 1-0 in the second half, Pablo Thiam and Kristian Djordjevic were sent off with their second yellow cards.

Monaco 4, AK Graz 0  
Host Monaco defeated Austria's

Graz AK to advance on a 7-3 aggregate. Monaco, last year's European Champions Cup semi-finalists, went ahead 1-0 in the 8th on Frank Gava's volley and made it 2-0 10 minutes later on a header by Robert Spehar. Senegal's Djibril Diawara made it 3-0 early in the second half and Gava got his second later in the half.

Real Sociedad 3

Dynamo Moscow 0

Host Real Sociedad beat Dynamo Moscow to advance 6-2. Darko Kovacevic scored in the 56th - his first of the night - on a header for the Spaniards, and in the 70th Oscar de Paula made it 2-0, slipping the ball home on a wet pitch. Kovacevic got his second in the 75th.

Florentina's UEFA Cup match against Grasshoppers of

Switzerland was abandoned after a linesman was injured by an explosive device thrown from the crowd.

A club official said linesman Philippe Flament was taken to hospital with a knee injury after the small explosive went off about three meters from him as he walked from the pitch at halftime in the second round, second leg tie.

Officials abandoned the match at halftime. Fiorentina were leading the match 2-1 and 4-1 on aggregate at the time. (Reuters, AP)

Leeds United 0, AS Roma 0. AS Roma won 1-0 on aggregate.

Aston Villa 1, Celtic Vigo 3. Scorers: Aston Villa - Stan Collymore 30pen, Celtic Vigo - Juan Sanchez 28, Alexander Mostovoi 34, Lobo Penev 48. Halftime: 1-2. Celtic Vigo won 3-2 on aggregate.

Slavia Prague 0, Bologna 2. Scorers: Giuseppe Signori 80, Massimo Caprioli 85. Halftime: 0-0. Bologna won 4-1 on aggregate.

Parma 2, Wisla Krakow 1. Scorers: Parma - Stefano Fiore 20, Bogdan Zajak 46pen, Wisla - Bogdan Zajak 80. Halftime: 1-0. Parma won 3-2 on aggregate.

Girondins Bordeaux 2, Vitesse Arnhem 1. Scorers: Girondins Bordeaux - Johan Micoud 6, Sylvain Wilford 85, Vitesse Arnhem - Arco Jochemsen 8. Halftime: 1-1. Bordeaux won 3-1 on aggregate.

Club Brugge 3, Vib Stuttgart 2. Scorers: Club Brugge - Olivier D'Onofrio 60, Gert Claessens 106, Alexander Ilic 115, Vib Stuttgart - Frank Verlaet 76, Fredi Bobic 110. Halftime: 0-0; 90 minutes 1-1. Club Brugge won 4-3 on aggregate.

Monaco 4, AK Graz 0. Scorers: Frank Gava 9, Robert Spehar 16, Jibril Diawara 65, Frank Gava 68. Halftime: 2-0. Monaco won 7-3 on aggregate.

Real Sociedad 3, Dynamo Moscow 0. Scorers: Darko Kovacevic 55, 75, Oscar de Paula 69. Halftime: 0-0. Real Sociedad won 6-2 on aggregate.

Olympique Lyon 3, Crvena Zvezda 2. Scorers: Lyon - Alain Cavaglia 17, 42, Christophe Cocard 40 Crvena Zvezda - Goran Bunjevcevic 37, Perica Ogrdenovic 90. Halftime: 3-1. Lyon won 5-3 on aggregate.

FC Zurich 4, Celtic 2. Scorers: FC Zurich - Giorgio Del Signore 51, Frederic Chassot 55, Shaun Bartlett 61, Cesar Sant'Anna 75. Celtic - Philip O'Donnell 53, Henrik Larssen 72. FC Zurich won 5-3 on aggregate.

Florentina 2 Grasshoppers 1 - abandoned

## Season may wait until January



NEW YORK (AP) - On the day before the NBA season was supposed to begin, union director Billy Hunter said it might be 1999 before it actually does.

"My gut tells me that in January we could be playing. I would anticipate the season would start around the first part of January," Hunter said Monday after representatives of the owners and players met for about 2 1/2 hours at a Manhattan law office.

No more talks are scheduled until today, and Hunter said the sides have retreated from an earlier plan to have full negotiating teams present.

Hunter's pessimistic outlook was in response, he said, to a growing misperception

that a deal could be imminent.

"It has been reported that there's strong possibility an agreement can be reached this week," Hunter said. "I don't know where that information came from, but I can indicate that I don't see any possibility at all of reaching an agreement this week and I can't say how soon it will be. I want to get that message out there."

NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik responded: "We agree with Mr. Hunter that we are not close."

If Hunter's gut feeling is correct and the lock-out lasts at least another month, it will cost the players about \$400 million in lost salaries.

Owners, too, are losing money, and Hunter expects pressure to come from the television networks, sponsors and some of the owners to cut their losses and get a deal done before it's too late to have a viable regular season.

Commissioner David Stern and Granik have indicated that anything less than a 50-game season was unacceptable. The first month of

the season has already been canceled, leaving each team with about 68 games.

"In January, it becomes much more urgent. We're either going to play, or something extreme is going to happen one way or another," Hunter said. "I'm sure some players are hurting, but pain, pressure and anxiety is on other side, too. At the boiling point, when people realize basketball is going to take a hit, then rationality will set in and we'll have a deal."

Last week, both sides agreed on a loose framework for a new labor pact that included a number of years under a "luxury tax" and an equal number of years under an "escrow tax" - if the luxury tax failed to curtail the percentage of basketball-related income devoted to player salaries.

The biggest sticking point is what the percentage should be after the system has been in place for a few years. The players are asking for 60 percent of revenues; the owners are offering 50.

## McGwire HR balls set for auction

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Home run balls hit by Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa soon will be going, gone.

Christie's in New York was slated last night to auction No. 50, valued at about \$15,000.

An auction house in suburban Clayton will sell McGwire's first home run ball of the season, from an opening-day grand slam off Ramon Martinez. That ball is estimated at \$10,000-12,000.

Though no date has been set, Creative Properties Management Group has contracted with the owners of home run balls 63, 64, 68, 69 and 70 - considered the crown jewel of sports memorabilia. The suburban company based in Sunset Hills also has Sosa's 64th and 66th home run balls.

Michael Barnes, managing partner of Creative Properties, said offers for each of the balls are in six figures.

No. 70 is the catch of the lot, however. "To be competitive, you need a bid above seven figures," Barnes said.

The \$93,000 that actor Charlie Sheen paid for the ball that squirted between the legs of Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner in the 1986 World Series is regarded as the record for a single collectible baseball.

The record price for any sports collectible item: a Honus Wagner card sold in September 1996 by Christie's for \$640,500. The item most likely to bring the biggest bid next week at Christie's: another Wagner card with an estimated

value between \$350,000-450,000.

Creative Properties says it is fielding a hundred calls a day, from the curious to collectors to corporations. A few have expressed interest in the possibility of buying the entire lineup of baseballs, though no figures have been discussed.

Only written offers are accepted. Bidders who stipulate that the balls will be put on public display at, say, a museum or the Baseball Hall of Fame, may have the inside track, Barnes said.

The company has not decided whether the balls will be sold at auction or privately, or when. Barnes said all the owners retained the right not to sell. He anticipates a sale no later than the start of the 1999 season.

Reports:  
Tyson to  
fight Botha  
January 16

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Mike Tyson will make his comeback against South Africa's Francois Botha in Las Vegas on January 16, according to published reports yesterday.

London newspapers *The Sun* and *The Independent* said the former heavyweight champion has signed for the fight with the promoters America Promotions.

The *Independent* said the fight would be held at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas.

In New York, the *Daily News* said the fight was "a done deal." The newspaper said Tyson had received a large cash advance to help with his cash-flow problems.

But Tyson's adviser, Shelly Finkel, said the deal had not been finalized.

"Our plan is for him to fight in January, (but) Mike has not concluded a deal to fight anybody in January," Finkel said yesterday in New York.

In Las Vegas, a source close to the negotiations also said nothing has been signed, but January 16 looks like the date at this point, and the MGM Grand was the probable site.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Vaughn Bean was also being considered as an opponent for Tyson.

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EUROPE WEATHER TODAY

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Today		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Alex	28/8	13/5	28/8	13/5	28/8	13/5	28/8	13/5
Berlin	27/8	14/5	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5
Bombay	31/8	18/4	31/8	18/4	31/8	18/4	31/8	18/4
Calcutta	31/8	21/7	31/8	21/7	31/8	21/7	31/8	21/7
Hong Kong	27/8	19/4	27/8	19/4	27/8	19/4	27/8	19/4
London	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5
Los Angeles	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5
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Tel Aviv	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5	28/8	14/5
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Weather (W): sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, showers, thunderstorms, rain, snow, fog, snow, rain, snow.

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NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY

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## French No. 1 Pioline falls in Paris Open

PARIS (AP) - Vincent Spadea of the US stunned the hometown hero yesterday with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over French No. 1 Cedric Pioline at the \$2.55 million Paris Open.

Pioline fired nine aces to Spadea's two, but never looked completely comfortable on his serve.

The Chicago-born Spadea, 24, broke serve in the seventh game and held serve comfortably to take the first set.

In the second set, he broke early to put himself on course for victory. Leading 3-1, Spadea showed his

growing confidence with a deft backhand drop volley at 30-30.

Pioline, who had to withdraw from last week's Eurocard Open in Stuttgart because of gastroenteritis, never showed the form that has taken him to No. 17 in the world, eventually losing in one hour 14 minutes.

Todd Martin was another American in fine form, beating No. 14 seed Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4).

Ivanisevic is the first seed to lose at this year's Paris Open.

In another second-round match, No. 13 seed Greg Rusedski of Britain had little trouble beating

Nicolas Kiefer of Germany, 6-3,

6-4, in one hour and seven minutes.

Rusedski said he was happy with his form - Kiefer failed to break serve during the match - but played down his chances of qualifying for the ATP Tour World Championship in Hanover.

"I played well today and handled the big points," Rusedski said. "I was at 15-40 a couple of times, but came up with good serves and good volleys."

Britain's Tim Henman ended the challenge of Arnaud Di Pasquale, beating the world junior champion 6-3, 6-3.